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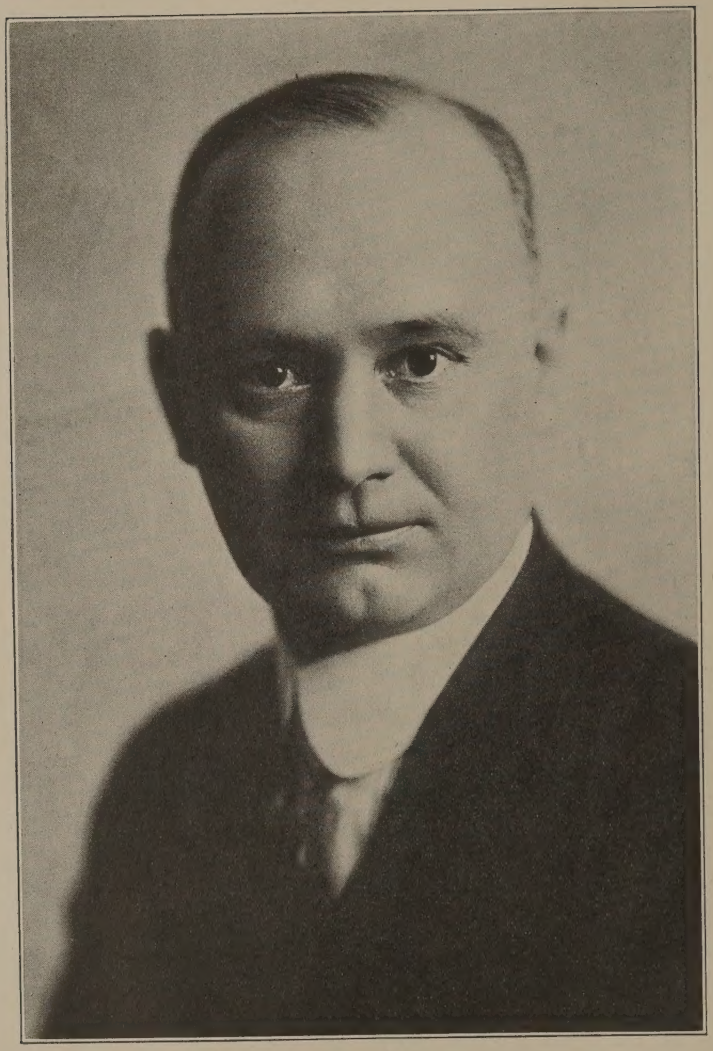


HON. JAMES A. BARDIN

BIOGRAPHICAL

HON. JAMES ALFRED BARDIN.

James Alfred Bardin, for nearly ten years judge of the superior court of Monterey county and for twenty years a member of the bar, practicing at Salinas and one of the best known lawyers in this section of California, is a native son of Monterey county and has been a resident of this county all his life with the exception of the period spent in finishing his college work in the east and a year thereafter spent in newspaper work there. Judge Bardin was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Salinas, December 27, 1873, and is a son of Jesse and Jeannette (Cockrill) Bardin, both members of pioneer families of California. His paternal grandfather had come here from Mississippi in 1856. Jesse Bardin became a substantial farmer and landowner in the Salinas neighborhood and was actively engaged in farming until his retirement and removal to Salinas, where he and his wife are now living.

Reared on the home farm in the vicinity of Salinas, James A. Bardin completed his early education in the Salinas high school and early decided to enter the legal profession. After a course of two years of preparatory study at the University of California he entered the law school of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and in 1899 was graduated from that institution with the degree LL. B. He was admitted to practice in Michigan and for a year after leaving college was engaged in newspaper work in that state, gaining thus a variety of experience that in many ways proved of value in his later professional career. In 1901 Judge Bardin returned to his home at Salinas and there became engaged in the practice of law. In 1906 he was elected to the office of district attorney and in that capacity rendered four years of public service. He declined to stand for reelection to this office, preferring private practice, and was thus engaged in practice at Salinas until in 1914, when he was elected to the bench of the superior court of Monterey county. By reelection Judge Bardin continued on the bench for nearly ten years and upon his retirement resumed his private practice and is thus now engaged at Salinas, one of the best known lawyers in this section of California.

In 1904, at Salinas, Judge Bardin was united in marriage to Miss Mila J. Hills, who also was born in California, at San Jose, a daughter of Edwin M. Hills, one of the pioneers of that place, and they have three children, two sons, Daniel G. and Roy E. Bardin, and a daughter, Miss Mila Jane Bardin.

Judge and Mrs. Bardin are democrats and have ever given their earnest attention to the general civic affairs of the community. They have a pleasant home and have for years been interested and helpful factors in the development of the general social and cultural activities of the city in which they live. The Judge is a Mason and is also affiliated with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

JOHN W. FRETWELL.

John W. Fretwell, justice of the peace at Parkfield, was born October 8, 1852, and is a son of John W. and Katherine (Ford) Fretwell, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Kentucky. The subject of this sketch came to California in 1872 and for about three years lived in the Sacramento valley and Solano county. In 1875 he came to Parkfield and is now the oldest resident in the valley in point of years, who arrived after he had reached the age of twenty-one years. He homesteaded one hundred sixty acres and preëmpted another one hundred sixty. By buying, selling and

trading land he now owns one hundred sixty acres, of which forty acres are under irrigation and subject to cultivation.

Although Mr. Fretwell received only a common school education, he has by self culture kept in touch with the general progress of the times and is considered a well informed man. That he is public spirited may be seen in the fact that he has frequently been called upon to assume the duties and obligations of important public positions. For twelve years he was roadmaster; has been a member and clerk of the school board for more than twenty years; was elected in 1922 for the fourth consecutive term as justice of the peace, each term being four years; and for the last twenty years he has held a commission as notary public. In all these positions he has acquitted himself with credit and in a manner that has won the confidence of the public.

About two years after coming to Parkfield, Mr. Fretwell married Miss Louisa Walters, who was born in California and grew to womanhood in Monterey county. They have six children, namely: Roy, who is now a resident of Santa Cruz; Ida, the wife of L. E. Golden, of Porterville; Bert, who lives in Parkfield; Nancy, now Mrs. Benjamin Carr, of Parkfield; Claude E., located at Fresno, and Lester, who is in Fresno county. During the World war Claude served in the Naval Reserve. All the children were properly reared and are useful members of the community in which they reside.

HARRY TURNER.

Harry Turner of Carmel, is a contractor well posted as to the conditions and details necessary in stone, brick and cement work. He has long been successful in this field of business, making a specialty of stone patios, chimneys and fireplaces. He was born at San Francisco, August 15, 1880. A son of Benjamin Turner, a native of England. The latter was a brickmason and fifty years ago followed his trade in San Francisco. He worked on the first Palace Hotel and many other large buildings there before the fire and he also worked on the building of the Napa State Aslyum in the early '70s.

Harry Turner attended the Garfield School at the north beach on Telegraph Hill in San Francisco, and then learned the brickmason's trade, following it for seventeen years in New York and other large cities of the east, working on the Woolworth building, the Metropolitan Life Insurance building, and the Equitable Life Insurance building. He also went to London, England, where he made an excellent record for expert workmanship. He traveled from coast to coast with only a trowel in his pocket, working at his trade in various cities, and some ten years ago he came to Carmel, since which time his work has been more and more evident in the finest homes in the district. He helped to create the Kingsley Macomber residence, the Cook Home, and the Prager residence; and he assisted in building many fine homes at Pebble Beach and the Highlands.

Mr. Turner married Miss Belle Small, a native of Newark, New Jersey, and they have become parents of four children: Helen, George, Harry and William. Mr. Turner belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Brotherhood of American Yeomen. In the ten years of his residence in Carmel he has made for himself a substantial place in business circles as attested by the liberal patronage that is now his.

W. F. NICHOLS.

W. F. Nichols, manager and part owner of the King City Mercantile Company, was born at Aptos, Santa Cruz county, California, February 10, 1884. His father, Benjamin C. Nichols, came to that county in 1852, when the state of California was but two years old. He built and operated one of the first sawmills in the county and later followed agricultural pursuits. He married Miss Margaret Ward and the subject of this sketch is one of the children born to this union.

After receiving a common school education W. F. Nichols learned telegraphy. While still in his teens he was employed by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company

at various stations along the coast division. At the age of twenty years he came to King City as agent and operator for that company. In 1908 he severed his connection with the railroad company and for the next two years had charge of the Standard Oil Company's King City office. He was then for several years employed by various mercantile concerns, and at one time was bookkeeper for the H. A. F. Mercantile Company.

In 1917 Mr. Nichols was one of a company that bought out A. Wideman & Company of King City and reorganized the business under the name of the King City Mercantile Company. Of this company J. C. Falkenberg is president; S. Dedini, vice president; W. F. Nichols, secretary and general manager; and G. S. Dedini, treasurer. Much of its success is due to the management and foresight of Mr. Nichols, who has constantly studied the demands of the trade and taken the steps to supply that demand.

Mr. Nichols is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of King City; was one of the organizers of the Merchants Association, of which he is president; and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Woodmen of America. In 1907 he married Miss Grace Eade, of King City, and they have one son, Fred, Jr.

ASA E. DAY.

Asa E. Day, proprietor of a general mercantile store at Moss Landing, was born in Virginia City, Nevada, July 1, 1863, the son of Daria W. and Charlotte (Hess) Day, the former an ambitious westerner who pitched his tent at Virginia City when a young man. He mined there, and in time came to California, arriving here in the late '60s. After an active and very useful life, all in all successful, the father died, esteemed by all who knew him. The mother is still living, at the ripe old age of eighty-three years.

Attending the public schools in Santa Cruz county, while passing his boyhood in Day's valley, where the family were the first settlers, Asa E. Day worked on the home ranch, which in time he rented from his father. Later he went to Springfield, where he spent four years, and in 1897 came to Moss Landing and bought the hotel.

Mr. Day married Miss Minnie Willis of Calaveras county, a native daughter, and their children are Asa E. Day, Jr., and Willis W. Day. Mrs. Day was the first to establish a store at the Landing, and she was also the first postmistress. This Federal office has been continuously in the family ever since, Mrs. Asa Day now administering the postal affairs of the district to the entire satisfaction to those whom she has the honor to serve. The old hotel was burned in 1914.

In addition to their other enterprises, Mr. and Mrs. Day own and manage an auto camp, which has proven a Godsend to many a traveler and has naturally been a success. The sanitary welfare, and the general comfort of the patron have been things considered from the beginning by the proprietors, and it is safe to say that in this provision for the happiness of the motor tourist, the Day Auto Camp is one of the best in Monterey county. The well kept, spacious grounds contains modern cottages, and that is far more than most camps can boast. Mr. and Mrs. Day are republicans, and this would indicate that they entertain very high ideals of a form of government most just and beneficial to all. Mr. Day is devoted to his work, but never so much so that he has not some time to give to matters of public interest, for the common weal.

JOHN OBER.

One of the oldest and most highly respected citizens in the neighborhood of Soledad is John Ober, who was born in Sweden, April 6, 1850. The name was originally Oberg and the records in his native land show that he is the son of Peter and Christine (Pearson) Oberg. His father was a farmer and John grew up on the farm. At the age of twenty years he left Sweden for America. The first four years of his life in this country were spent in the east and the middle western states, where he was engaged mainly in railroad work. In the meantime he dropped the last letter of his family name and became known as "Ober".

In the fall of 1874 John Ober came to California and bought a sixty-acre tract of land near Salinas. This place he describes as "a wilderness of willows and cottonwoods", but he cleared it, made improvements and several years later sold it at a price which gave him a profit of one hundred per cent. He then rented a ranch of one thousand five hundred acres near Soledad, where he engaged in farming on a more extensive scale. About this time he joined a syndicate for the purchase of an old Spanish land grant, in the division of which among the syndicate members he received sixty acres. This tract he lived on and cultivated for several years, when he again sold out at a handsome profit. His present ranch of nearly five hundred acres was purchased in 1904. With a view to having a comfortable home in which to pass his declining years, he made important improvements and the ranch is now one of the best in Monterey county, on account of its first-class building, and well kept grounds. Mr. Ober retired from the active management of the place in 1912 and leases the land.

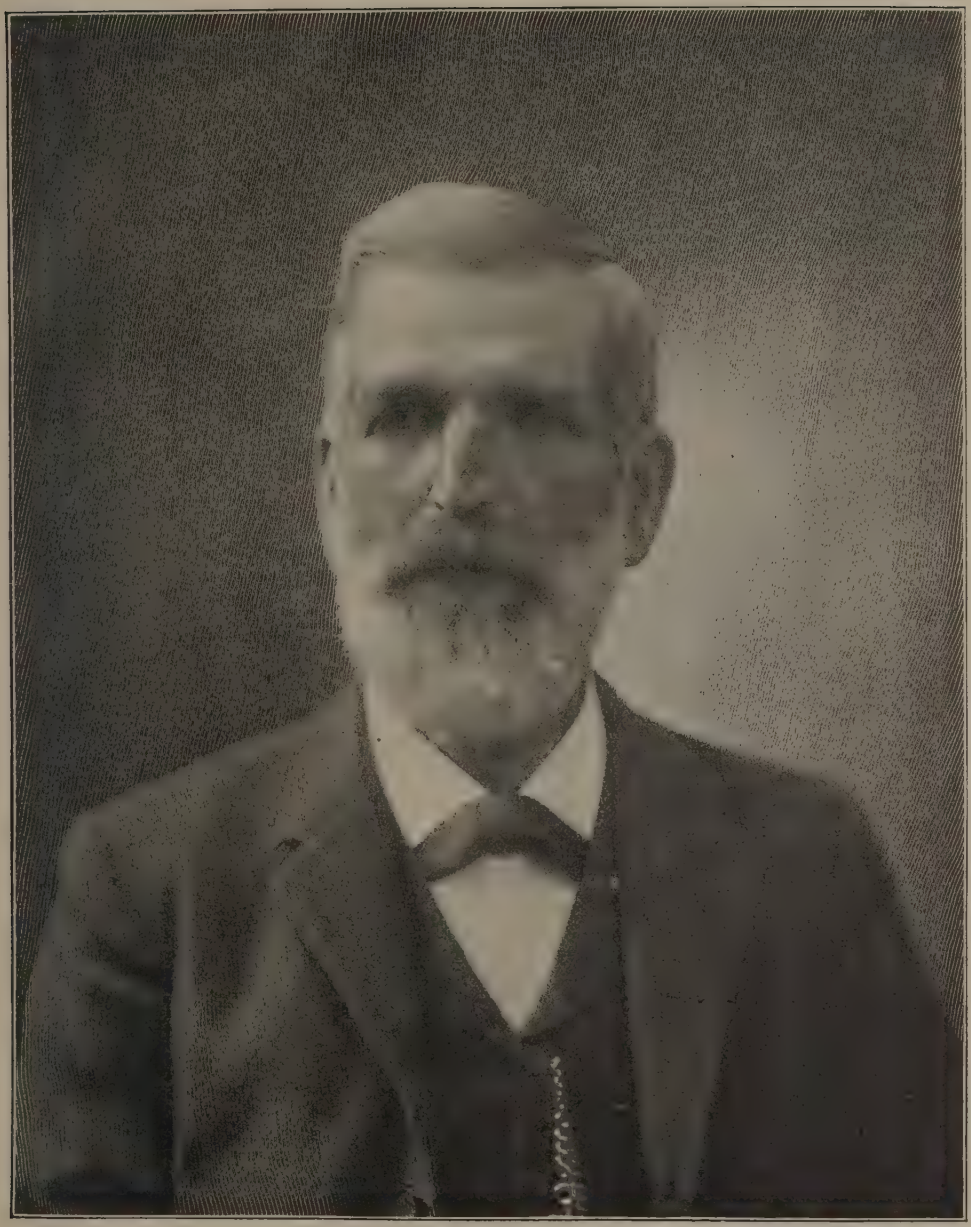
Mr. Ober has not confined his activities to farming. He is a stockholder in the Salinas City Bank, the Coast Valley Gas & Electric Company, and the Soledad Mercantile Company. When the last named corporation was formed he was elected vice president and held that position until 1923. He belongs to the Foresters of America, which is the only society to claim him as a member.

In 1878 Mr. Ober and Miss Christina Alrica Wingren were united in marriage. They were childhood sweethearts in Sweden and came to America about the same time, though they were not married until several years later. They have five children: Nellie, now Mrs. Gus Wigholm of San Francisco; Victore, a ranchman near Salinas; Rudolph, an attorney in San Francisco; Hattie, the wife of Charles Kelley of Ripon, California, and Harry, living in Stockton. Rudolph and Harry served in the World war, the former as second lieutenant in the army and the latter in the transport service of the navy.

JOHN EDMUND TRAFTON.

In the memorial annals of the beautiful valley of the Pajaro in the vicinity of Watsonville there are few names held in better remembrance than that of the late John Edmund Trafton who in his generation was one of the acknowledged leaders of the community, enterprising in his land operations, public spirited in his consideration of civic problems, philanthropic in his attitude toward community needs, gentle in his intercourse with his neighbors, ever kind and generous toward his relatives, true to himself and true as well in his relations with his fellowmen. Mr. Trafton was a bachelor and his affections were distributed throughout the community in such a wholesome way that all felt that he was a sort of a common kinsman, one of that fine type of mankind that just naturally come to be looked upon as "uncle" to everyone, and it was thus that at the time of his passing he left a good memory—a memory that long will be kept green throughout the community in which his life of service was spent.

John Edmund Trafton was born at Stanstead in the province of Quebec, Canada, July 18, 1837, and was a son of David and Sarah (Woodbury) Trafton, the former of whom was born in the state of Maine and the latter in Vermont. After their marriage they made their home at Stanstead, Quebec, until in 1840, when they returned to the United States and settled with their family in Boone county, Missouri. David Trafton was thus a Missourian when the Mexican war broke out six years later. He enlisted in the army and upon the completion of his military service returned to his Missouri home, where he was engaged in the hotel and mercantile business until in 1864, when he disposed of his holdings there and with his family joined an overland caravan to make the long trip to California with a view to establishing a new home in this very desirable region. En route cholera broke out in the wagon train and David Trafton fell a victim to the scourge, his death occurring while the caravan halted at Fort Kearney, he then being fifty-seven years of age. His widow came on with the other members of the family and upon her arrival here took advantage of a government land bounty due in consideration of Mr. Trafton's services in the Mexican war and established her new home on that tract in the



JOHN E. TRAFTON

beautiful Pajaro valley in the vicinity of Watsonville. There she spent the remainder of her life, an honored pioneer mother of this district, her death occurring in 1891, she then being eighty years of age.

John E. Trafton was but three years of age when his parents moved from Canada to Boone county, Missouri, where he grew to manhood, taking a part in his father's mercantile enterprises there. When he started with his parents for California in 1864 he was at the very height of his vigorous young manhood and upon his arrival here he helped get his mother established. He soon entered upon enterprises on his own behalf which in time developed until he came to be recognized as one of the most substantial figures in the community, a large landowner and general farmer and stockman and interested in enterprises of various sorts. Mr. Trafton made money easily it seems and was equally generous in its distribution. As an instance of this public-spirited generosity, it is recalled that when a fund was being created for a new building for the Young Men's Christian Association at Watsonville—an edifice that was completed at a cost of forty-seven thousand dollars —Mr. Trafton headed the list with a subscription of five thousand dollars. At the time of his death his land holdings amounted approximately to twelve hundred acres of rich valley land and his general estate was valued at not less than three hundred thousand dollars, the beneficiaries of which were twenty-seven nieces and nephews.

Mr. Trafton was eighty-five years of age at the time of his death in 1922 and up to within a very short time of his passing had retained his vigor and good spirits, continuing to take an active interest in the operation of his ranches and in the direction of his other enterprises. He was one of the organizers and a director of the Pajaro Valley National Bank of Watsonville, the largest financial institution in that city, and also was one of the organizers of the Watsonville Creamery Company, of which concern he likewise was one of the original directors. He was a Knight Templar Mason and had for many years taken a warm interest in local Masonic affairs. He was given a Masonic burial, and his funeral, it is needless to say, was attended by one of the largest concourses ever gathered in the valley for such a solemn occasion, the whole community thus expressing a desire to pay a last tribute to the memory of a good man.

HARRY WURZEL.

Harry Wurzel is manager of the Peninsula Upholstering & Drapery Company at 730 Lighthouse avenue, New Monterey, and is one of the most progressive merchants of the state, combining with business and executive ability, a rare appreciation of all that is tasteful and artistic in house furnishings and decorations. He was born in Hungary, December 13, 1884, and at thirteen years of age began to learn the trade of upholsterer and decorator.

In 1904 Mr. Wurzel crossed the ocean to New York and in the eastern metropolis he worked at his trade with Messrs. Potes & Stymes, the exclusive interior decorators located at Forty-second street and Lexington avenue, and enviably known from the Atlantic to the Pacific. They supplied antique furniture and draperies to many of the finest homes in New York city and many other sections, and frequently made special designs such as no one else had had before. They even enjoyed the patronage of art-loving and wealthy Europeans, so that Mr. Wurzel employed by that firm for several years, acquired a thorough knowledge of high class decorating and home-furnishing.

Coming west to California in 1909, Mr. Wurzel settled in Los Angeles and was associated with the Potter-Park Studio, leaders in its line in the southland. Removing to Santa Barbara, he established the upholstering department of the Gift Shop and designed and installed the decorations in the Country Play House at Montecito, a truly beautiful theater amid the elegant residences of the fashionable millionaire colony there. He had full charge of the work, privileged to give free play to his own ideas, which fact speaks for itself and indicates what he had to offer Monterey and vicinity when in 1921 he came here. His work is now to be found in many of the beautiful homes on the Peninsula—in Monterey, Pacific Grove, Carmel, Pebble Beach and elsewhere. His

reputation thus having been once and for all time well established, he is kept busy with unsolicited work. His establishment presents a fine showing of antiques, tapestry, furniture, etc., and such is his artistic nature that he gets much personal satisfaction from handling high-class stock of this character. Considering that Mr. Wurzel came here practically unknown to the community, the progress he has made in gaining the confidence of a public experienced and accustomed to ask for the best, and to accept only what it wants, is complimentary in the extreme. He is glad that he decided to locate in Monterey county, and the Peninsula people are equally pleased that he did not establish business elsewhere. He has the leading business of the kind in this section of California. He carries an extensive line of antiques, tapestry furniture and objects d'art and his wise counsel and advice have been a valuable element in the tasteful furnishing of many of the beautiful homes of this part of the state.

Mr. Wurzel has four children: Margant, Victor, Joseph and Irma June. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, where he is one of the ever-welcomed, as his own good-fellowship contributes to the welcoming of others.

LORENZ LORENTZEN.

Lorenz Lorentzen was born in Schleswig, Denmark, December 2, 1882, and is a son of Ole and Helen Mary (Ahrenkiel) Lorentzen. The father was engaged in the feed business in that country for many years, or until 1921, when he came to California, where he is still living.

In his boyhood and youth Lorenz Lorentzen attended the local schools, completing his education by a course in a business college. Before coming to California in 1904, he was engaged in mercantile pursuits and the printing business in his native land. His first year in California was spent in Salinas, and the next was in San Francisco, where he was employed on the San Francisco Bee. Then returning to Salinas, he entered the employ of the Farmers Mercantile Company, but about a year later he went to Soledad, where he was for two years with the Wahrlich Cornet Company. He then became associated with the A. Wideman Company of Golzales and has since that time been a resident of that city. In 1914, with Louis Vidoroni, he purchased the hardware and grocery departments of the Wideman Company and the two organized the Gonzales Hardware & Grocery Company. Of this concern Mr. Lorentzen is president and general manager; E. H. Barry, vice president; J. D. Johannsen, secretary and treasurer. In addition to the hardware and grocery trade, the company also does a wholesale grain business, handling about two hundred thousand bushels annually.

Mr. Lorentzen is vice president of the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. On March 17, 1910, he was married in San Francisco to Miss Alma C. Olson, daughter of Otto Olson, a well known ranchman at Paraiso Springs, Monterey county.

WILLIAM C. WARE.

William C. Ware, of 588 Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove, has ever kept in touch with the advancement that has been made in twentieth century electrical work. He is a native of Missouri, born at Clinton, September 13, 1886. There he spent his boyhood until he was sixteen years of age, and in 1909 he came to California, settling in Los Angeles. There he took up electrical work having charge of power houses and sub-stations of the Los Angeles Electric Railroad, and after three years there he associated himself with other electrical companies in the state, including the Pacific Gas & Electric Company of San Francisco, the Western Power Company of the same city, and the Western States Gas & Electrical Company of Stockton.

Later, in Fresno, California, he engaged in business for himself as an electrical contractor, and afterward continued in the same line at Madera, where he was a member of the firm of Boyle & Ware, electrical contractors. Previous to that, he was with

the Anaconda Copper Company, at Butte, Montana, and he was also active in Jerome and Globe, Arizona. In course of time, Mr. Ware was selected to go to Chili, South America, to install the electrical work needed for their interests and it is doubtful if half a dozen men in all California have had such a valuable and varied experience along these lines, so that any community might be glad to have attracted and held him, to its upbuilding as well as to his own.

Coming to Pacific Grove in the spring of 1924, Mr. Ware established himself successfully in business, installing wiring, repairing motors in canneries and doing the electrical work for the Bay State Fishing Company, in Monterey. He has also installed work in the Criley residence at Highlands. He is a member of the Electrical Contractors' and Dealers' Association of California, and at all times he has kept abreast with the latest discoveries and methods that modern science has brought out in the electrical field.

BARNET J. SEGAL.

Barnet J. Segal of Carmel, the affable and progressive cashier of the Bank of Carmel, was born in New York city, January 31, 1898, and was reared and educated in the state of New Jersey. He attended and graduated from the Bayonne high school, and then became a student in the New York University; while later he benefitted by the excellent courses in the Pace Institute of New York city, pursuing an accounting training. Following that experience, he was associated with various banks in New York and New Jersey. At the call for service during the World war he went to a training camp in New York, and there, getting ready for still more difficult service, he was active at the time of the signing of the armistice.

In 1920 Mr. Segal came to California, and almost immediately went to Los Angeles where he joined the staff of the Los Angeles Trust & Savings Bank, (now the Pacific Southwest Trust & Savings Bank) and was assigned to their Glendale branch, as escrow clerk; later he went to Visalia as accountant and auditor with the Central Counties Gas Company. In 1922, however, he removed to Monterey, where he associated himself with the Bank of Monterey, now the Bank of Italy, and later he was employed in the First National Bank of Monterey. In 1923 he came to Carmel and organized the Bank of Carmel, secured the state charter for the bank, and associated himself with stockholders, all of whom are residents of Carmel and Monterey, so that the citizens may justly take pride in the undertaking as a decidedly local institution reflecting the highest credit on all concerned.

As a matter of fact, the bank, the first and only one in Carmel, has established new values for Carmel real estate, and it has been a large factor in the upbuilding and the advancement of the town. It was incorporated on May 21, 1923, and opened its doors for business on the 25th of July of the same year. It occupies a building of its own on Ocean avenue, a structure attractive in design and appointments, and these outer features are but symbols of the real things for which the bank stands. The bank started with a capital of twenty-five thousand dollars, which has since been increased to fifty thousand dollars. The officers are: T. A. Work, president; C. O. Goold, vice president; Barnet J. Segal, cashier, and C. L. Berky, assistant cashier. Every other person in Carmel is a depositor—such is the wonderful growth of the bank within the first year.

Mr. Segal is a member of Monterey Post No. 41, of the American Legion, and also belongs to Elks Lodge No. 1298, of Visalia.

SAMUEL J. MILLER.

What extraordinary progress has been made in both the designing and building of superior houses in Monterey county is pleasantly evidenced in the broad, progressive and very enterprising operations of Samuel J. Miller, of Twelfth street, Carmel. He was born in the state of Washington, February 6, 1888, and learned the trade of a carpenter in San Francisco, where he was afterward for seven years foreman of

construction for L. H. Sly, one of the leading contractors of the Bay City. He added to his experience rapidly, and during that time superintended the construction of ten large apartment houses in San Francisco, including, among others, the Louise and the Stanford Court apartments. He also carried on the same line of work in Oakland.

Coming to Carmel, Mr. Miller was foreman of construction for the contractor, M. J. Murphy and superintended the erection of the Blue Bird Tea Room in Carmel and many fine residences there, at Highlands and Pebble Beach. Since going into business for himself, he has put up about twenty residences of a highly creditable order including the Stella Gruchard residence, the three houses for Miss Mary Miller, and Katherine Cook, Miss Watrous, Miss Turner, Miss Smart and Miss Grant residences, and a studio for Ralph Miller. He has also built the Hazeltine home, the Du Ray home, and the Wallace dwelling, and he remodelled the residence of the Rev. G. M. Dorwart. All speak for themselves.

Mr. Miller married Miss Ellana Doyle, in 1917, the ceremony taking place at Oakland, and they have three daughters: Marion, Phylis and Madeline. Mr. Miller belongs to the Carpenters Union and was a delegate to the Building Trades Council. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

EUGENE RIANDA.

Eugene Rianda is a native of Monterey county, having been born at Soledad on February 12, 1895. His parents, John and Rosa (Bianchini) Rianda, were both born in Switzerland and came to California in 1872. They first settled at Watsonville, where they resided for about twenty years, when they removed to Soledad. For many years after coming to California the father followed the business of grain farmer. He is now living at Soledad, retired from active labor.

Eugene Rianda received his elementary education in the common schools of Soledad, supplementing this by studying in the high schools of Soledad and Salinas. He began his business career as a clerk with the Soledad Mercantile Company, but on September 9, 1917, he gave up his position with this company to enlist in the United States navy. His first service in the navy was at San Diego, California, where he was attached to the crew of a submarine chaser. Subsequently he was transferred to a torpedo boat destroyer, which was assigned to the duty of patrolling the coast at the eastern terminal of the Panama Canal. His vessel was later ordered into the transport service and made several voyages to Brest, France, as convoy to troop ships. He was discharged at Norfolk, Virginia, February 27, 1919, and returned to California. He entered the naval service as ordinary seaman and was mustered out as gunner's mate—a creditable record in only about eighteen months of service.

Upon returning home Mr. Rianda found employment as teller in the First National Bank of King City. When that institution was merged with the Bank of Italy, he was made assistant cashier and held this position until January, 1923, when he was promoted to manager, which important place he still occupies. Mr. Rianda is a member of the Roman Catholic church, the King City Chamber of Commerce, the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. On November 11, 1920, he was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Curran, of King City, and they have one daughter, Jeannette.

S. PETER ANDERSON.

S. Peter Anderson was born February 24, 1867, near Helsingborg, Sweden, a son of Thoed and Christine (Sorenson) Anderson. He was reared on a farm, attended the common schools,and at the age of eighteen years came to the United States, and direct to San Francisco. Not finding employment to his liking in that city, he went on to Salinas, where he joined his cousin, John Ober, who had come to California from Sweden some fifteen years before. He remained with his cousin for about a year, after which he was employed for some time as a farm hand. Learning that an old

Spanish land grant of several hundred acres was for sale, he assisted in forming a syndicate for its purchase, and in the division was allotted fifty-five acres as his share.

Mr. Anderson is a fair representative of the Scandinavian peoples, who have done so much to develop certain sections of our country. Moving to his new farm, he engaged in raising grain and hay. He has also set out a pear orchard of twenty-three acres, the trees of which are coming into bearing. In addition to his own land he rents some from a neighbor and cultivates it every year. His own farm has good buildings and has been brought to a high state of productiveness through his industry and good management.

In September, 1904, Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Annabelle Scott, a native of Nebraska, and they have two sons: Carl, aged fifteen, and Harry, aged thirteen. Mr. Anderson is a director in the Salinas City Bank and his fraternal relations are with the Foresters of America.

ROBERT R. DIAZ.

Few men have been more intimately associated with the great cattle interests of California than Robert R. Diaz. He was born in the city of San Francisco, October 3, 1857, of Spanish parents. His father, Thomas Diaz, was born at Santiago, Chili, and his mother, whose maiden name was Maria Torres, was also a Chilean, having been born in the city of Valparaiso. They were married in their native land and came to California in the early '50s. Locating in San Francisco, then a straggling village of only a few thousand inhabitants, the father engaged in business as a cattle dealer, which he followed for the greater part of his life.

Robert R. Diaz received a high school education and at a comparatively early age became identified with some of the largest cattle ranches in the state. Starting as a cowboy, he rose to be foreman of the Atherton ranch at Menlo Park. From there he went to the Milpitas ranch at Jolon, California, where he was foreman for twenty-four years. This ranch contained forty-four thousand acres and during the time he was foreman thousands of cattle were shipped to market.

When Mr. Diaz decided to quit the cattle business he came to King City and established a livery stable. Stocking his stable with good horses and comfortable vehicles, he built up a profitable business, which continued until the automobile came into general use. In 1919 he was appointed cattle inspector for the district including King City, San Lucas and Metz. His long experience on cattle ranches gave him all the necessary qualifications for the discharge of his duties and he still holds the position.

Mr. Diaz is and has been a member of the city council ever since King City was incorporated in 1912. At the present time (1925) he is chairman of the committees on finance and firemen. As a councilman he has always favored every movement for the general improvement of conditions in King City and is recognized as a man of sound judgment and executive ability far above the average. He belongs to the Roman Catholic church, the Native Sons of the Golden West, and the Chamber of Commerce. He was married in 1884 to Miss Elizabeth Murphy, and they have one daughter, Inez, a graduate of Notre Dame College, of Santa Clara, California, and now the wife of a prominent stockman of San Mateo county.

S. J. KITZMILLER.

California is known throughout the civilized world for its fruits. Among those who have helped the state to gain its reputation in this respect is S. J. Kitzmiller, who is regarded as the largest and most successful fruit grower in the vicinity of Soledad. He is a native of Tennessee and a son of Rev. David and Elizabeth (Carriger) Kitzmiller. His father was a well known Baptist minister in East Tennessee.

S. J. Kitzmiller received a grammar school education, which he supplemented by a course in a business college in Knoxville, Tennessee. After teaching school

for two years he became a bookkeeper for J. L. Hudiburg of Knoxville. On the first day of April, 1886, he left Tennessee for the Pacific coast and on the twenty-eighth of that month he landed in Gonzales, California.

His first position in Gonzales was that of weigher and truckman in the warehouse of Faw & Edwards. This was a rather humble position, but by close attention to his duties and observing all that was going on around him, he learned the warehouse business in all its details. He continued in that line of activity in Gonzales and Soledad (the greater part of the time in the latter place) until shortly after the beginning of the present century, when he decided to become a fruit grower. Purchasing a tract of ninety acres of good land, he set out seven acres of pear trees in 1902. To this he has added from time to time, until he now has fifty acres in bearing trees and about twenty acres of young trees. At the time he set out his seven acres of pear trees, he also planted seventeen acres to other fruits, and this orchard, which has been well cared for, now yields him a handsome return. He also has a thirty-acre orchard in Greenfield, California, started in 1912.

In 1896 Mr. Kitzmiller was married to Miss Margaret Mitchell, daughter of Thomas Mitchell, pioneer farmer and fruit grower and one of the substantial citizens of Watsonville. To Mr. and Mrs. Kitzmiller have been born three children: Elsie, an undergraduate of the University of California—Science and Letters course—was employed for two years in the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and is now at home; Donald M. graduated in the law department of the University of California in 1924; and Margaret is a student in the College of the Holy Name at Oakland. Mr. Kitzmiller belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and his political affiliations are with the democratic party.

JOHN THOMAS PORTER.

John Thomas Porter was a Californian whose career, eminently successful, despite the obstacles he had to contend with, will long be held in pleasant remembrance both by those who knew him to esteem him and by all who like to honor the sturdy, sacrificing, unselfish and uncomplaining pioneer. He passed away February 13, 1900, at the close of a century in which he had made definite contribution to the welfare and upbuilding of his community. He was born at Duxbury, near Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts, in August, 1831, the son of Dr. John Porter, one of the physicians to Daniel Webster, and Anna Thomas Porter, who was the beaming recipient, at their pretty wedding, of a spinet from the immortal statesman and orator, still treasured as a family heirloom.

John Thomas Porter attended the Duxbury schools and then went to college. As a youth he ventured as far west as Wisconsin and tried farming and sawmill operation. Later he came to the Golden Gate, by way of the Horn, sailing in 1849, from Boston, on the barque Herculaneum, upon which he worked his way before the mast. He reached San Francisco the same year and for a short time remained there. Then he rushed off to the mines and staked his luck in those regions but while the '49ers were still pouring in from all corners of the earth he was back again in the Bay City.

He came to Santa Cruz county in 1852 and four years later was elected sheriff of Santa Cruz county, and served for the full term of four years. Later he was appointed collector of the port of Monterey by President Lincoln, serving during Lincoln's first term and the first year of his second term, when the port and its office was abolished. Having a ranch at Jolon, Monterey county, and relying upon his official income, he stocked it with cattle, putting into that investment that seemed to promise so much all that he could spare but when the port was closed and his income from office-holding was cut off, and when drought followed close to strike down the famished cattle, he lost all that he had—all save honor.

Mr. Porter next ventured into the real estate field, first at Soquel and next in Watsonville, which town he chose for his residence in 1872 when there was not much to boast of in the way of a town, but one estate in particular attracted him, and its fate doubtless spurred him on to what he finally accomplished. A brother of General Vallejo, owned the handsome Santa Clara rancho, an extensive farm some nine miles

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long and four miles wide, and this brother was killed on his ranch while trying to catch some wild cattle. General Vallejo received, in consequence, one-twelfth of the estate and this he arranged to sell to Mr. Porter but several years passed before the estate was divided. When Mr. Porter got the share he had agreed to purchase, it consisted of eight hundred and twenty acres, and in the meantime he had been buying and selling real estate to get it paid for. He was instrumental, however, as early as 1874, in organizing the Bank of Watsonville, and also in starting, in 1888, the Pajaro Valley Bank, of which he became president.

In matters of general welfare he was deeply and helpfully interested and his activities contributed largely to the progress of his section of the state. He was a member of the first convention to nominate Leland Stanford for governor. Public-spirited to an exceptional degree, inspired far beyond the majority of business men with high, altruistic ideals, Mr. Porter, through his wide, never-failing and enviable influence, accomplished much good, in many ways and directions, and blessed many other lives.

John Thomas Porter was married, April 6, 1859, while he was sheriff of Santa Cruz county, to Miss Fanny Cumming, who had come out to California in 1857 with a brother, William, this being his second trip to the coast. Mrs. Porter taught school in Santa Cruz and Soquel, and bravely adapted herself to the conditions she found here. It was then necessary to travel from Santa Cruz to San Francisco by stage, and it took two days to make the journey. The ceremony was performed at San Francisco, and the nuptial knot was tied by the Rev. Dr. William Ingraham Kip, the first Episcopal bishop of California, so well known as a vigorous, sturdy and intellectual and kindly personality moving untiringly about the rough country, and now fixed in California history because of his interesting accounts of what he saw on his episcopal travels. Reared in luxury, Mrs. Porter went through many hardships of early ranch life; and now although in her 86th year finds much pleasure in charitable and humanitarian work, devoting herself, in particular, to the much-abused and too little understood Chinese. Mr. and Mrs. Porter became parents of a son and a daughter. The former, Warren R. Porter, at one time lieutenant-governor of California, is now a banker of Watsonville, and his son, John E. Porter, is vice president and director of the Pajaro Valley National Bank of Watsonville. The daughter, Florence, now the widow of Fernando Pfingst, is living at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco. Four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren give joy to Mrs. Porter, esteemed and honored pioneer woman. Mr. Porter's estate is now incorporated as the John B. Porter Company, of which Mrs. Porter is president, while her grandson, Edward P. Pfingst, a wide-awake enterprising young business man of Watsonville, is her manager.

FREDERICK W. A. CORDING.

California has long been noted for its superior system of municipal police, such men as Frederick W. A. Cording, of 205 Lighthouse avenue, the popular chief of police of Monterey, contributing not a little to this enviable reputation. He was born aboard the British steamer Albatross, while it was in port, on June 26, 1879, the son of Henry and Sophie (Boshen) Cording. The father was a sea captain, who lost his life with his ship in 1911. The mother survived several years and passed away in 1919.

Frederick W. A. Cording attended the public schools of Germany, carrying his studies to the high school grade. He first worked on a steamship of the Hamburg-American line engaged in the United States fruit trade, and plying from New York to Jamaica and South America. He continued in that employ from 1897 to 1901, when on the 4th of March he enlisted in the United States army and remained in the service until April 4, 1922. During this extended period, Mr. Cording visited many parts of the world, and he retired as captain of the Reserve Military Police, of the Ninety-first Division. He was with the Fifteenth Infantry Regiment from 1902 to 1904; was then with the Twelfth Infantry until 1911; was with the First Cavalry Regiment during the following three years; was with the Fourth Cavalry

from 1914 to 1918 and was then connected with the Eleventh Cavalry until he left the service in 1922. When he left the army he started a bus line to the Presidio, in April, 1922, which he continued until June, 1923. Then he joined the Monterey police force as a night officer, and on July 17, 1923, he was appointed chief of police. Naturally, he belongs to the American Legion, and is first, last and all the time for the United States of America.

Captain Cording married Miss Mary Ann Rice, of Louisville. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, and is a Shriner, belonging to Oakland Temple. He is also a member of Lodge No. 1285, B. P. O. E., and of the Woodmen of the World. He is fond of his home, and has made a study of finger prints, in which he has become an expert.

BERNARD WETZEL.

A practical, effective institution of which the good housewives of Carmel are justly proud is the Carmel Bakery, on Ocean Avenue, under the able management of Bernard Wetzel, who was born in Germany, March 11, 1886, and while in his native country commenced to learn the baker's trade. In 1902, however, when a boy of sixteen, he came to the United States, and in Brooklyn, New York, continued his apprenticeship, remaining there for three years when he moved west to St. Louis, while at a later date he became a resident of Danville, Illinois.

In the latter part of April, 1906, Mr. Wetzel arrived in San Francisco, on one of the first trains to reach the city after the great earthquake and fire. For a time he worked at his trade where it certainly was most needed. Then he went to Roseburg, Oregon, and in Medford, that state, conducted a bakery of his own. Returning to California, he stopped for a while in San Francisco, and in 1921 came to Carmel, where he formed a partnership with Carl Husemann and organized the Carmel Bakery. Being widely known as one of the most expert pastry bakers in the country, it is not surprising that Mr. Wetzel's efforts have been an important factor in making the Carmel Bakery famous for the high quality, as well as the variety of its appetizing products.

It is only when one pauses to think of the various phases of daily life, and contemplates the part played by the baker, the butcher and the half dozen other manufacturers and merchants supplying with unfailing regularity what are absolutely essential to health and comfort, and, therefore, to human happiness, that one is able to measure such a service as that regularly rendered, and for a very modest profit, by Mr. Wetzel and his partner. They made a great variety of bakery goods, put up in attractive form and have enjoyed a constantly increasing business, not only as the result of the quality of their wares, but also owing to their enterprising methods and thorough reliability.

ALEXANDER M. ALLAN.

A captain of industry who well merits the laurels bestowed upon him for his contribution to the expansion of local trade, is Alexander M. Allan, president of the Monterey Canning Company, Point Lobos, Monterey. He was born at Scranton, Pennsylvania, the son of Charles M. and Margaret Allan, the former a miner who had the misfortune to be killed at Nevada City, California. He was a hard-working, honest man, who gave his life, as have so many, in the pursuit of his occupation. Mrs. Allan died in 1924, and will long be pleasantly remembered by many who knew her and enjoyed some act of kindly courtesy at her hands.

Alexander M. Allan attended the public schools of Pennsylvania, and for four years continued his studies at the University of Illinois, taking a course in civil engineering. As a boy he had learned the carpenter's trade. In 1896 he came to California and hung out his shingle as a contractor, in both San Francisco and Oakland. In a comparatively short time he was widely known for his ability and was

given commissions as far east as Chicago. Since 1900 he has made his home on the Monterey peninsula. The Monterey Canning Company, of which Mr. Allan is president, was organized in 1916, and under his able direction it has grown to its present size, being the largest cannery here. The establishment is most pleasantly situated, at one of the wonder spots in the world, and here the company operates the only abalone canning plant known to exist anywhere.

Some years ago Mr. Allan married, and his wife died, leaving three children. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, a Knight Templar and a Shriner, and is also an Elk. He is deeply interested in the welfare of his community, and Monterey is proud of what he has accomplished in his particular field.

ROSA M. FELIZ.

Probably no woman in Monterey county is better known for her unselfish labor in caring for the afflicted, the old and infirm, and fatherless children than Rosa M. Feliz, of King City. She is a daughter of Don Jose Maria and Maria (Vallejo) Gil, her family being a link between the old Spanish regime and modern California. A sketch of her father appears elsewhere in this volume.

Rosa M. Feliz, better known as Rosita, was reared on her father's farm near Jolon. As a girl she was charitable, kind to all, always ready and willing to lend a helping hand to those ill or in trouble. Before her marriage she assisted in bringing up two orphan children, and three others after her marriage. Naturally such a young woman was loved and admired by all with whom she came in contact. Older residents at Jolon and in the immediate vicinity, as well as those of King City, can recall many deeds of kindness that required sacrifice on her part in caring for the sick and others who stood in need of her ministrations. Under these circumstances she became a practical nurse, whose willing services were frequently in demand.

She became the wife of Vincente Feliz and bore him two sons, Carlos V. and Arturo R. Carlos V., who married Miss Frances Ray, a school teacher of Los Angeles, owns a one-third interest in a spring factory in that city and lives there. Arturo R. is in business in Santa Barbara, California.

During the World war Mrs. Feliz volunteered as a nurse and served for eighteen months in the Mare Island Hospital. After her father's death she cared for her mother during her declining years. Now, when she is nearing her threescore years, she meets her friends with cheerful face and kindly smile, still going about doing good. When any one gives her a word of praise, her answer invariably is: "It is no credit to me, but to my father and mother's teachings."

LEE DUDGEON.

Although Lee Dudgeon's farm near Soledad is not the largest in the vicinity, it is acknowledged as one of the best managed and best improved in that part of Monterey county. Its owner was born in Knox county, Ohio, April 2, 1870, a son of David and Mary Jane (Freeman) Dudgeon. His paternal grandfather, Simon Dudgeon, was a native of the Emerald isle, though David Dudgeon was born in this country. The latter was engaged in farming all his life and was known as one of the leading sheep raisers of Knox county.

Lee Dudgeon grew to manhood on his father's farm, attending the common schools during the fall and winter seasons, where he picked up a good practical education. As a boy he took a great interest in his father's sheep and became an expert sheep shearer, following this occupation every spring for a number of years, both before he left home and afterward. About 1897 he went to Adams county, Iowa, where he farmed for three years. Subsequently he was on a small ranch near King City, California, for one and one-half years, and came to Soledad in 1904. Here he rented a farm for a few years and then purchased what was known as the Charles

Romie farm of one hundred and sixty-eight acres. He has since sold ninety-six acres of this land and has brought the remaining seventy-five acres under a high state of cultivation. His principal crops are beans and alfalfa and he has over two hundred high-grade sheep. Mr. Dudgeon has long contended that the raising of sheep was profitable and has proven his contention to be correct, even on high priced land.

Mr. Dudgeon has always taken great interest in all subjects pertaining to agriculture. He was active in the organization of the Fort Romie Grange in 1911 and has been master for nine of the years of its existence. He has also served as steward in the California State Grange and is now state deputy for the counties of Monterey and San Joaquin counties. His dwelling-house is one of the best in the county. There is also a tenant house on the farm, most of the improvements having been made by him since the place came into his possession. Mr. Dudgeon is president of the Fort Romie Water Company.

Mr. Dudgeon was married to Miss Jennie Ulrey of the San Luis valley, Colorado. Mr. Dudgeon is a master mason and both he and Mrs. Dudgeon belong to the Eastern Star. Politically he is a democrat, and he has membership in the Baptist church.

SALVATORE CARDINALE.

Salvatore Cardinale, a wholesale dealer in all kinds of fish, on Washington street, Monterey, enjoys a prosperity which he has worked very hard to realize. He was born in Palermo, Sicily, September 4, 1869, the son of Oratizo and Agnes Cardinale, and not only was his father a fisherman but he comes from a long line of the same seafaring men. As a child, he was taken to sea to become familiar with his father's occupation and hence did not have much chance for schooling. He was wide-awake and observant, however, and in one way or another, picked up a good practical knowledge, and those who know him today agree that he is very well informed.

At the age of twenty-one years Mr. Cardinale went to Algeria, Africa, and there followed fishing for five years. Then he came to the United States and remained for ten years, working much of the time in Alaska. He next returned to Algeria for two years. At the age of twenty, he had married Miss Jennie Buffa, and during this time his family remained in Italy, but when he again came to the United States he brought his wife and children with him. Now he owns his home, and besides his fishing business, he also conducts a grocery store. Being a naturalized American, he now takes a deep interest in politics, voting the republican ticket. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cardinale, namely: Oratizo, Vincent, Mary, Agnes, and Rosalia, and they also have two grandchildren.

R. H. DURHAM & SONS.

If the visitor to Plainfield, California, should inquire for the largest and best equipped dairy in the locality, he would no doubt be directed to that of R. H. Durham & Sons. R. H. Durham, the head of this prosperous and well managed dairy, was born in Suffolk, England. In the early years of his manhood he was a farmer on the estate of Lord Rendlesom. In 1877 and 1878 he was in Australia and New Zealand. From there he went to the Cape of Good Hope, where he remained for a time, finally returning to England by way of the Suez Canal. After his return to his native land he married Miss Mary E. Burton and a little later came to America. Mr. and Mrs. Durham have two sons and four daughters: Herbert H., Alice Mary, Florence, Thomas C., Helen Kate and Bessie. Herbert H. married Amanda Kingsbury and has one son, Robert H. Thomas C. married Gladys Harlan and has two children, Harlan Charles and Neva.

The Durham Dairy consists of a herd of almost pure blood Holstein cattle, about forty of which are constantly in service as milch cows. Both sons are partners in the enterprise. They own seven hundred and twenty acres and lease another seven hundred and twenty. Part of this land is irrigated and in 1924 they raised about

fifty acres of alfalfa, besides other crops. There are three dwelling houses on the ranch, with modern cattle barns and other outbuildings necessary for successful dairying.

The two sons are somewhat active in fraternal matters. Herbert H. is a past master of San Miguel Lodge, F. & A. M., and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Thomas C. is also an Odd Fellow.

PHILIP J. DOUGHERTY.

Philip J. Dougherty, former mayor of the city of Monterey, a member of the directorate of the Chamber of Commerce of that city, for ten years and more a director of the First National Bank of Monterey, proprietor of what is regarded as the most extensive establishment dealing in hay, grain, flour and fuel on the peninsula, is a native son of California, where he has made his home all his life, a resident of Monterey for the past fifteen years, during that time having come to be recognized as one of the leading personal factors in the general development of the city. He was born in San Juan, San Benito county, May 15, 1880, and is a son of Philip and Mary A. (O'Connor) Dougherty, Missourians, who became pioneers of California and whose last days were spent here, the latter passing away in Monterey in 1912.

Philip Dougherty, a native of Ireland, who came to the United States when sixteen years of age, was a substantial landowner and wheat grower in the vicinity of San Juan, and passed away on his extensive rancho there in 1904. He was among those who attempted the overland trail to California in settlement days here, starting with a party which was made up at St. Louis. Difficulties beset the party and Mr. Dougherty turned back when he had reached Denver and at St. Louis took passage down the river to New Orleans and thence to Colon, from which port he walked across the Isthmus to Panama, where he again embarked, his destination this time being the post of San Francisco, which in due time and in good condition he reached. After prospecting about a bit he went to San Jose and thence to the mountains, locating in the vicinity of what now is Los Gatos and at that point erected the first sawmill put up in that region. Five years after his arrival in California he returned to St. Louis for the wife who had been awaiting the time when his material condition would permit of the proper establishment of a home in the new country, and upon their return here they located in Santa Clara county, where Mr. Dougherty became engaged in wheat raising on the great B. D. Murphy ranch. In time he bought a tract of land of his own in the vicinity of San Juan and there established his home and continued actively engaged in farming until his death, becoming one of the substantial citizens of that section. During the period of the Civil war, he then being a resident of Missouri, which was a state divided against itself in that time of bitter national partisan stress, his sympathies and services were exercised in behalf of the cause of the Union and he was a member of the military company which finally brought to an end the marauding career of the notorious guerrilla chief Quantrell, in Missouri.

Reared on the home farm in San Benito county, Philip J. Dougherty received his education in the schools of that county, finishing at San Juan, and from the days of his boyhood he was a helpful factor in the labors of developing the farm. He was twenty-four years of age when his father died and for some time thereafter, until the estate could be settled, he took charge of the farm and was thus engaged until 1906, when he went to San Francisco and for four years thereafter was in the contracting business in that city, thus proving a helpful agent in the labors of reconstruction following the great disaster of the spring of 1906. On a day in 1910 Mr. Dougherty made a trip to Monterey to make a week-end visit to his widowed mother, who meanwhile had become a resident of Monterey, and he ever since has been a resident of that city. It was on a Saturday that Mr. Dougherty arrived in Monterey. Over Sunday a business proposition was made to him in terms so attractive that he could not well turn it down and on the following Monday morning he was the half owner in the hay and grain business of Gould & Dougherty. For a year Mr. Dougherty continued thus connected and then he closed out his interest in that concern

and took charge of the feed and grain department of the operations of the T. A. Work Company, in which in time he became a considerable stockholder. When the affairs of this company eventually were disincorporated he took over the department of the business represented in the hay, grain, flour and fuel lines and has since then been carrying on that business under his own name, with a well equipped and fully stocked establishment at No. 435 Tyler street, where he also handles for this trade area the products of the Sperry Flour Company, whose local agent he has been for the past ten years and more. During the time of his individual proprietorship of this business Mr. Dougherty has built up a trade which it is said is not exceeded in that line by any other dealer on the peninsula and he thus is widely known in this line of trade.

In addition to his commercial interests represented in his establishment on Tyler street Mr. Dougherty has other substantial interests in and about Monterey and has long been recognized as one of the "solid" citizens of that community. For ten years and more he has been a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Monterey, which also controls the Carmel State Bank, and was a member of the building committee of the board when the handsome new building of the First National was erected in Monterey. As an active member of the Monterey Chamber of Commerce Mr. Dougherty ever has done his part in the promotion of movements having to do with the extension of the city's material interests and he is now (1925) a member of the board of directors of that useful commercial body. As mayor of the city during two terms (1919 to 1923), Mr. Dougherty rendered a real service to the city, for it was during his administration that the new harbor improvement was projected and it became necessary for the city to acquire valuable water-front property and enter upon an extensive program of street improvement, in all of which permanent improvement work Mayor Dougherty was naturally, by reason of his executive position, a dominant factor.

In 1912, in San Francisco, Mr. Dougherty was united in marriage to Miss Nora O'Donnell, who died in 1919, leaving two children: A son, Francis John Dougherty, and a daughter, Mary Agnes. Mr. Dougherty is a member of the Roman Catholic church and is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He has for years taken an earnest interest in the affairs of the patriotic state-wide society of the Native Sons of the Golden West, being an influential member of the local parlor of that order, and is a past district deputy of the society. He also is affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent, Protective Order of Elks and with the local lodge of Loyal Order of Moose.

LEON G. WOLF.

Leon G. Wolf, engaged in the poultry business on Cassanova avenue, Monterey, was born in Germany, March 23, 1882, the son of John and Kate (Gnad) Wolf. His father, who was for forty years connected with the management of the German railways, died in March, 1923, highly esteemed for those virtues for which the sturdy German citizen has always been of value in the world, nor was his devoted wife, when she breathed her last at the age of seventy-six years, less fortunate in the position she occupied in her day and generation.

Leon G. Wolf enjoyed the advantages of the excellent schools of the fatherland, and according to the custom of many in Germany started to make his own way in the world at the age of thirteen. He was then apprenticed to learn the baker's trade, receiving half a mark, or about twelve cents a week, the master retaining the other half mark until the youth had completed his apprenticeship. At the age of twenty-two he crossed the Atlantic and came to the United States. He first located in Baltimore, Maryland, where he worked at his trade for eight months, and later he found employment in various eastern states. Working his way west, he stopped at Denver and Colorado Springs for a year, and then went to Seattle, where he stayed for six months. He next passed eight months in San Francisco, and from 1907 to 1916 was head baker at the Hotel Del Monte, Monterey. While working at these, he acquired seven acres of land on Cassanova avenue, and in a modest way, he em-

barked in the chicken business, which he expanded gradually until he now owns four thousand hens and has one of the best equipped poultry farms, many of the improvements being according to his own designs. His baby chicks are shipped to all sections, and he also ships seven or more cases of fresh eggs a day, his market for the latter product being San Francisco. He received the silver cup, or second prize, at the egg-laying contest at Santa Cruz. He has installed an incubator with a capacity of ten thousand chicks, and he may well be proud of what, by industry, thrift and foresight, he has been able to accomplish.

Mr. Wolf married Mrs. Charlotte Meves, a Canadian by birth, who was reared in Oakland, California. Mr. Wolf is a home-loving man, but he maintains an interest in politics, and in doing so endorses the platforms of the historic democratic party.

JAMES G. FORCE.

Professor James G. Force, whose scholarship, experience and untiring labors constitute him a most efficient county superintendent of schools in Monterey county, was born at Tehamah, Burt county, Nebraska, September 2, 1881, the son of Franklin F. and Jane (Chapman) Force. His father, a native of Iowa, was a Civil War veteran, who served as a First Lieutenant in Company B., of the Eleventh Iowa Infantry. He was also a Nebraska pioneer. Mrs. Force was a descendant of Governor Ansel Brigg, a native of Vermont who was the first governor of Iowa, serving from 1846 to 1850. She is still living, and is popularly known among the Hawkeyes as "The Daughter of Iowa," being the only living relative of this pioneer governor.

James G. Force attended the public schools of Nebraska, and also the Kearney Military Academy, of Kearney, and ere he left that institution was made senior captain and taught in the academy. He came to California twenty years ago and attended the San Jose and the San Diego normal schools, and also the normal school in Hollister, San Benito county. Then, for two and a half years he taught school at Tres Pinos, and for another year in Glenn county and finally for twelve years at Soledad, in Monterey county. On March 17, 1921, he was appointed by the board of supervisors to fill the position of county superintendent of schools to fill an unexpired term. Since he has assumed office many improvements have been made in the district schools and the high schools at Salinas, Kings City, Gonzales, Monterey and Pacific Grove, in the matter of equipment, buildings and grounds.

Just what has been accomplished under the enlightened and progressive leadership of Professor Force may be surmised from one or two paragraphs from his report on the county schools published in the Salinas Daily Journal, in 1924. "Upon my visit at the Nacimiento School," he writes, "I was informed by the teacher that the children were somewhat nervous and upset because a few hours before a large snake had crawled along the rafters over their heads and entered the attic through a large knot hole. The well was full of dead squirrels, snakes and rats, making the water absolutely unfit for human consumption. Barbed wire had been strung along the top of the school fence, thus endangering the pupils when they were running and playing. Upon investigation, I found that there was only one trustee left in the district, the other two having moved away. I immediately set about to secure capable, interested parties for trustees. When these had been secured, the schoolhouse was thoroughly overhauled, inside and out, the well was thoroughly cleaned out, a sixteen-inch corrugated pipe was put in, filled about with clean rocks and gravel, an excellent pump was put in and the well made proof against the entrance of insects or vermin of any sort. The whole school today presents a modern, up-to-date appearance, a place where the children can go and study under the very best conditions.

"The Mansfield school was re-established, and where the teacher had been using redwood boughs to fill up the windows to keep out the cold, new windows were installed and the schoolhouse put into neat and orderly condition. A thoroughly-trained college graduate, also, was secured to teach the children. At the Pacific school, where the teacher and children had been forced to go down on the beach and gather up driftwood to keep them warm, the trustees were instructed to provide wood and other supplies for the proper conduct of the school.

"On the top of the mountain at the head of Pine Canyon, about twelve or thirteen miles west of King City I heard of a number of children who were woefully in need of better school facilities. An old house was rented, the partitions taken out, the books, desks and other school supplies from an abandoned district were taken to this home and an extra teacher was provided. In the Vineyard school district twenty or thirty pupils were crowded into a small schoolroom, with cross light, improper ventilation and conditions that were anything but conducive to health and advancement. The trustees, however, cooperated with me in every wish. In the Indian Valley district some of the children lived more than eight miles from the schoolhouse, across a stream, dangerous in winter. I took the matter up at once and those children who live more than eight miles away are now transported to school by the teacher, without any extra cost to the county or district. In Priest Valley school district the schoolhouse was almost ready to tumble down, but the trustees responded nobly to my request for better conditions."

At Tres Pinos in the year 1910, Professor Force was married to Miss Adeline Rianda, a native of Santa Maria, and a member of a fine old pioneer family. Three children have brightened their home—Richard Gordon, aged eleven; Betty Jane, of the age of five; and Marjorie May, who has seen two years. Professor Force is a member of Mound Lodge, No. 166, I. O. O. F., of Hollister, the Elks Lodge and the Masons. With high ideals he combines quick and practical actions and his labors along educational and other lines are far-reaching and resultant.

ELMER P. ALEXANDER.

Among the highly influential bankers of California may well be named Elmer P. Alexander, the genial president of the popular Salinas City Bank, with its attractive headquarters at the corner of Main and Gobilan streets. Mr. Alexander was born in Sacramento, June 15, 1871, the son of John K. and Sallie B. (Carothers) Alexander, the former a native of Mississippi, the latter of Illinois; Mr. Alexander having come to California by way of the Isthmus, and Mrs. Alexander by the great trackless plains. John K. Alexander, born at Brandon, Rankin county, Mississippi, in 1839, was reared at Jackson, that state, until he was fifteen and in 1854 accompanied his mother, brother and sister to California, where they were met by Grandfather Alexander, who had come out to the Golden state in 1849.

John K. Alexander attended the Sacramento grammar school and in 1857 began work in a gold-quartz mine in Calaveras county. He returned to Sacramento and attended the high school, from which he was graduated in 1860, and then studied law in Sacramento in the office of George R. Moore, later associating himself with Messrs. Harrison & Estee. On October 7, 1862, he was advanced to the practice of law and in 1863 formed a partnership with George R. Moore, while later he entered into partnership with the Hon. John W. Armstrong, superior judge of Sacramento county. In 1870 Mr. Alexander was elected district attorney of Sacramento county and in 1874 he came to Salinas for the practice of law. As a democrat, he was elected superior judge of Monterey county in 1879 and reelected in 1884, serving eleven years on the bench in Monterey county. He was a member of the San Francisco Bar Association and president of the Monterey Bar Association, while in financial circles he was known as the vice president of the First National Bank of Salinas and of the Salinas Valley Savings Bank. On August 2, 1865, he was married to Miss Sallie B. Carothers, and their union was blessed with three children—two sons and a daughter. He was a past master in Salinas Lodge, No. 204, F. & A. M.; past high priest of Salinas chapter, No. 59, R. A. M.; past patron of Revielle Chapter, No. 47, O. E. S., and a member of the Masonic Veterans Association.

His son, Elmer P. Alexander, attended the Salinas grammar and high schools, and also went to Cogswell's Polytechnic School, in San Francisco, and the Van Denaling School of Engineering in the same city. Then he worked for Faw & Edwards, in Gonzales, where they operated the Salinas Valley Warehouse Association, and later was agent for the Southern Pacific Milling Company at Chualar, in Monterey county. He was then appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Charles Westlake as tax col-

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lector of Monterey county, and afterward was twice elected to the office. When he resigned, it was to accept a position in the Salinas City Bank, at the urgent request of President J. H. McDougall—his first connection with that institution being while work was slack in the tax collector's office; and the first money paid him by the bank was the princely sum of five dollars, given him for special work, while his first salary was thirty-five dollars a month for part-time work. In 1903, however, he entered the bank as a regular employe and has since worked his way up to the high office of president, having been elected assistant cashier on January 1, 1907; cashier, on April 11, 1908, and president in March, 1924. The Salinas City Bank is the oldest bank in Monterey county, having opened its doors for business June 3, 1873. It was organized by a number of prominent men of Salinas and Gilroy, among them some of the pioneers of the valley—Jessie D. Carr, William Vanderhurst, A. B. Jackson, Thomas Rea, Z. Herbert, J. P. Sargent, and James H. Ellis. J. J. Bowen, of Gilroy, was the first secretary pro tem. Mr. Carr was the first president, Mr. Jackson the second, J. H. McDougall, the third, Harry Winham the fourth, while Mr. Alexander, our subject, is the present president. The original capital stock was two hundred thousand dollars and later this was increased to three hundred thousand dollars. Such has been the bank's almost phenomenal prosperity, that, while the deposits in the bank on March 31, 1923, was two million, three hundred eighty thousand, three hundred ninety-six dollars and sixty-seven cents, those on March 31, 1924, were two million, six hundred ninety-six thousand, seven hundred thirty-four dollars and eighteen cents—the best kind of evidence of the bank's steady growth.

Mr. Alexander was married to Miss Mabel E. Chestnut, a native of Olita, Amador county, and a member of a prominent mining family. Two children blessed this union: R. Carroll Alexander, now stage director of the Players Club of San Francisco, and Elinor M., an attractive maiden of fourteen summers. Mr. Alexander belongs to the Salinas Rotary Club and represented that model organization at the St. Louis meeting in 1923. He is a progressive and far-sighted business man and representative citizen, at all times generously supporting measures for the public good.

J. D. RESETYLO.

Fashionable Monterey society has owed much to such an experienced and artistic craftsman as J. D. Resetylo, the popular tailor, of 517 Lighthouse avenue, not alone for up-to-date styles, but for perfection in dependable workmanship. He was born in Galicia, in 1886, the son of James and Ahafia (Kaminska) Resetylo. His father, now deceased, came to the United States and remained here for four years.

After attending school in romantic Galicia, J. D. Resetylo afterward was apprenticed to learn the tailor's trade, and this means of livelihood he followed in the old country until he came to America. In 1905 he reached Baltimore, Maryland, and there he remained for two years and seven months. In 1908 he came to California and for some time he worked in the Presidio of San Francisco. On May 3, 1923, he landed in Monterey, and since that date he has been engaged in business here. One cause of Mr. Resetylo's success is undoubtedly his conscientious regard for the quality of his workmanship and he also keeps well abreast of the times, keeping posted on London, New York and San Francisco styles. His stock comprises the best woolens and other goods obtainable and he never lets a job leave his hand until it has satisfied his critical judgment. In this way, having once secured a customer, he never needs to lose sleep about retaining his patronage. In his spare moments Mr. Resetylo devotes himself to reading and study.

CARL HUSEMANN.

Carl Husemann is proprietor of the Carmel Bakery on Ocean avenue, a favorite rendezvous for housewives and at certain hours of the day one of the busiest marts in town. He was born in Germany July 25, 1880, and while still in his native country, learned the baker's trade. This he also followed as a journeyman for several years in various parts of the country, working in the best bakeries in many large and

representative cities like Berlin. He became an expert in his line long before he was ready to sail to the United States in 1908.

At length Mr. Husemann decided to try his fortune in America and on reaching Milwaukee, Wisconsin, conducted a bakeshop of his own in that city. On pushing still farther west, to Seattle, he followed his trade there and going south to San Francisco, was employed by the best hotels and bakeries in that city.

Coming to Carmel in 1919 Mr. Husemann established the Carmel Bakery on Ocean avenue, which is today the only bakery in town. It is not surprising that he enjoys a large trade because of the excellent quality of his goods and his progressive business methods. He has rebuilt the oven and added new and modern machinery; and now has a well equipped plant, able to turn out one thousand or more loaves of bread a day, as well as fancy pastry of all kinds. Mr. Husemann is also the owner of the Carmel-by-the-Sea camp grounds for auto tourists, located on the highway near town, a laudable undertaking, supplying a long-felt need. There are twenty lots and the camp has become very popular with travelers.

Fraternally Mr. Husemann is a Knight of Pythias, belonging to Monterey Lodge, and he is interested in all that pertains to the progress and welfare of the community. Carmel welcomes him as a citizen and here in this growing community, he is developing a trade that is very gratifying and which is the merited reward of his labor, experience and skill.

JOSEPH N. HUBERT.

Joseph N. Hubert, of 417 Pine street, Monterey, is now successfully engaged in business as a painting contractor. He was born on a farm in New Hampshire, October 2, 1857, a son of John G. and Jennie E. (Lowe) Hubert, his father being also a painter. The family came to California in February, 1876, and located at San Francisco, where, the very same year, the father died. The mother still survives him, having now reached the advanced age of ninety years.

Joseph N. Hubert attended the public schools of Massachusetts, to which state the family had removed during his boyhood, and in that commonwealth he learned the trade of a painter, working with his father, until the latter's death. He then took up contracting for himself, at the age of nineteen, and was in business at Vacaville, Solano county, California, for twenty-five years. In 1906 he came to Monterey, and here he has met with success. He has painted the Monterey grammar school, the Pacific Grove grammar school, and many residences and public buildings, and he keeps a force of eight men busy all the time. As early as 1880 he did some painting in Monterey county. He is particular as to his business methods, and always in favor of sanity in trade, business and finance.

Mr. Hubert married Miss Ida E. Mein, and to them were born two children: Ralph, who served his country during the World war and died at the early age of twenty-eight years; Esta, a graduate nurse, who is now the wife of Dr. Wilbur Millett, of Portland, Oregon. Fraternally Mr. Hubert is a Mason and a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, while politically he is a republican.

JOSE MARIA GIL.

Don Jose Maria Gil, deceased, was born in Madrid, Spain, December 14, 1821. His father was a native of Scotland, who went to Spain as a young man and married a young Spanish lady of good family. When Jose was about seven years old he came to America with his parents, who settled at Herongariquero, Mexico. At the age of twenty-one years he came to California, some six years before it was annexed to the United States by the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which ended the Mexican war. Upon the discovery of gold in California in 1849, he, like thousands of others, was attracted to the mines. While fairly successful as a gold seeker, he gave up that occupation and located at Jolon, where he became the owner of two hundred and

sixty acres of fine land. His vine-clad adobe residence of the Spanish type, was considered one of the finest in that section, and was especially noted for the well kept grounds which surrounded it. When California was admitted to the Union in 1850 he was naturalized and became an American citizen. At that time the country was new, only sparsely settled, and many of those who came here in quest of gold were almost penniless. How many of these unfortunates were aided by Mr. Gil will probably never be known. He gave them employment, even at times when laborers were not needed on his farm, or furnished them the means by which they could go to other places in search of work. Believing in education, he was a pioneer in the establishment of California's school system, and in every way he was looked upon as a broad-minded, progressive man.

Jose M. Gil was twice married. In 1850 he married Senorita Juliana Gomez, who died in 1857, leaving three sons. Her body rests under the belfry of the Mission of San Antonio. Of the sons, Jose died single, Miguel died in 1920 in Porterville, Tulare county, California, leaving a widow, Flavia Avila, fourteen children and an estate valued at seventy-eight thousand dollars.

In 1860 Mr. Gil married Senorita Maria Vallejo, who bore him nine sons and five daughters, namely: Eliza, died at the age of fifteen years. Rosa (or Rosita) M., of whom a sketch appears elsewhere in this volume, is now living in King City. Leon is living in San Jose, where he is in the real estate business. He married Miss Lizzie Guest and they have a grown up son and a daughter; Augustin, a resident of Nacosari, Sonora, Mexico, has a family of five children, all grown. During the Villa revolution he lost all his live stock, having nothing left but his house and furniture. With other citizens of the town, he fought for three days and nights to keep Villistas out of the place and save their property but without avail. Estevan, the fifth child, died of brain fever when only five years old. Louisa became the wife of Peter Williams, a farmer living near Bakersfield, California, and they have one son grown to manhood. Victoria married David Snider and they have five grown children and a fine estate at Porterville, California. Marcela married Santiago Rios, who owns a fine home and several motor cars. They have seven children, all grown. Mary became the wife of Egorilo Rios and reared a family of five children. Henry A. is now the postmaster at Jolon and has a sketch elsewhere in this volume. Tito Leoncio married Miss Maria Yates and lives in King City, where they are doing well. Their seven children are all in business for themselves. Alejandro lives in San Francisco, where he is employed by the Wells Fargo Express Company; Guillermo at the age of sixteen years enlisted in the Fourteenth Infantry in 1898 for the war with Spain. His regiment was sent to the Philippine islands and under the American government was chief of police at old Cavite for several years. He is now at Guatemala, Central America, holding a responsible position with the Trans-Continental Railroad, which runs through the Central American states. Alberto, the youngest of this numerous family, has been employed at Mare Island since 1916. It will thus be seen that the children have all become useful members of society and good citizens —due to the teaching and example of their honored parents.

Don Jose M. Gil died in 1891, and his widow survived him until December 15, 1909, when she passed away at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Rosa M. Feliz, of King City. She was born in Monterey when the old town was the capital of California, a lineal descendant of Spanish pioneers who settled California, and inherited all the graces and sterling traits of character of the women of "the good old days."

HENRY L. MEAD.

Henry L. Mead, the dependable and popular transfer agent for the Del Monte Hotel, is a native son, born at Castroville, October 6, 1870, and is a son of Henry Sherman and Juana (Pomber) Mead. The father came to the Golden state at the age of seventeen years, in 1858. He entered the service of the Sargents and for years was the superintendent of the famous Carmel ranch. Later he was with Louis Little in the general merchandise business at Castroville, and there he died.

Our subject's maternal grandmother was also of an old pioneer family. Mrs. Mead passed away in 1907, mourned by many.

Educated in the public schools of Castroville and at the Orphanage of Watsonville, Henry L. Mead started out well equipped to tussle with the world, and early began to acquire and attain. He was with Charles Bardin on his farm for four years and then followed various occupations. For the past thirty years, he has been with the Del Monte Hotel as their reliable transfer man, and for a long time drove their four-in-hand. He became very well known as a breaker and handler of colts and for fourteen years handled the hotel's baggage by means of wagons and horses, but in 1918 he changed his form of vehicle to the motor truck. In his business he has become known to thousands from all parts of the globe, and it is safe to say that few men could spin more interesting stories about world notables and their valuable and odd sorts of baggage and personal effects.

Mr. Mead married Miss Carmen Del-Latore, who is descended from an old Spanish pioneer family. Her father died at the age of eighty-six years, his entire life being spent in Monterey. Mr. Mead is a republican. In 1907 he joined the volunteer fire department, and later he organized the fire company in Oak Grove. He belongs to the Independent Order of Foresters and is chief ranger, second to none in popularity.

FRED RUHL.

Among the well known building contractors in Monterey county there is perhaps none who has established for himself a higher reputation for the general excellence and artistic character of his work than has Fred Ruhl, who has been engaged in contracting in Pebble Beach for the past ten years and more, and who during that time has directed the construction of some of the most notable of the attractive residences that adorn the streets of that popular seaside resort, among these being the McComber home, the Pebble Beach lodge, the McNaughton home and the McKensie home.

Fred Ruhl was born on a farm in the state of Illinois, in 1876, and is a son of Jesse and Harriet Ruhl, substantial residents of the community in which they lived. Jesse Ruhl was the son of a carpenter and was himself well trained in that craft, but he preferred farming as a vocation and became a well-to-do farmer and landowner. Reared on the farm, Fred Ruhl acquired his education in the local schools and early took up the trade of carpenter, in which he was well trained, and in due time became competent to contract jobs on his own account. In 1903 he came to California and worked at his trade in various places in this state until 1916, when he established his home in Pebble Beach and set up there as a building contractor. His success from the start was assured and he has done well in this line, now being one of the well established contractors of the county.

Mr. Ruhl was united in marriage to Miss Alma Warren and he and his wife have a very pleasant home on the beach. Mr. Ruhl is a member of the Masonic order and is a past Noble Grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

JOHN McKAY.

John McKay, the wide-awake proprietor of the Woodbine Cigar Store, at 450 Alvarado street, Monterey, was born in Toronto, Canada, September 19, 1871. His father, who also bore the name of John McKay, died in Canada, but his mother, Mrs. Ann (Hellams) McKay, came to California, where she passed away. All who knew them testify to their superior worth, and the good name they left our subject is his greatest inheritance.

John McKay of this review attended the public schools of Canada and then pushed out into the world to still further broaden his education. At the age of seventeen he crossed the line into the United States, and during a period of seven years' residence in Chicago he was made a citizen. After about three years, spent on the west coast, he went to Alaska during the gold rush, remaining there one year.

In 1908 Mr. McKay came to Monterey county and for a year he was engaged in the cigar business in Pacific Grove, giving the men of that locality a little something different and better than they had had before. At the end of that period he opened his present store in Monterey, in which business he has met with success, for he has made his place a proper rendezvous where old friends might meet to have a heart-to-heart chat while enjoying an old-fashioned, soulful smoke. Mr. McKay belongs to the Monterey Chamber of Commerce, and he is also identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Canadian Foresters. In national politics he is a republican, and he stands first, last and all the time for sound business methods.

Mr. McKay married Miss Margaret Sherwood, also a native of Canada, and a member of an old English family. Four children have been born to this union: Theodore, Florence, John and Adeline.

EUGENE S. FRANSCIONI.

Eugene S. Franscioni is the oldest of six children born to Sereno and Mary (Marentis) Franscioni, his brothers and sisters being William, who is associated with his father in the retail meat business; Margaret, now Mrs. Guy Cavalli; Albert, an automobile mechanic; Lillian, a clerk in the department store of Soledad Mercantile Company at Soledad; Edward, a senior in the Soledad high school. William and Albert are veterans of the World war, serving in the navy. Sereno Franscioni, a native of Switzerland, came to California as a young man and for some time was the proprietor of a ranch. He then opened a butcher shop in Soledad, in which line of activity he is still engaged. His wife is a daughter of Don Pedro Marentis, who received a land grant of about ten thousand acres near San Juan. Upon this tract he built a large frame residence—one of the first frame houses in this section of California—and it was in this house that Mrs. Franscioni was born. The house is still standing and occupied as a dwelling.

Eugene S. Fransconi was born November 14, 1890, in the same house where his mother's birth occurred. After attending the local schools he completed his education by a course in the Santa Cruz Business College. The next four years were spent as a clerk in the mercantile establishment of the Walter Cornett Company (now Iverson & Davies) at Soledad. He was next employed as a plumber on the coast division of the Southern Pacific Railroad for about four years. Giving up that position, he became a pumper for the associated oil Company and remained with that corporation for two years. In 1919 he started in business for himself as a general insurance agent. As he had always taken a keen interest in political questions and his business as an insurance man brought him into contact with public and professional men, it was not long until he was recognized as one of the local republican leaders. This led to his appointment as postmaster at Soledad in 1922. Although this appointment was made as a reward for political services, Mr. Franscioni realizes that the post office is a business institution and it has been his ambition to conduct the office at Soledad purely upon that basis.

Mr. Franscioni holds membership in the Soledad Chamber of Commerce, the Masonic fraternity, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Foresters. In 1914 he married Miss Jennie D. Frolli, who was born in Soledad, where her family have been prominent for years. They have two children: Eugene, Jr., and Denice.

ORAZIO V. ENEA.

Orazio V. Enea, is a well known fisherman, doing business at 308 Main street, Monterey. He was born in Italy, November 12, 1877, the son of Vicenzo and Mary (Cardenilli) Enea. The father came to the United States but after expending five years in California returned to Italy. Both parents died in 1915.

Orazio V. Enea attended the public schools of Italy, and when about twenty-one

years of age, first locating in Pittsburg, California. He engaged in fishing in the Sacramento river and later in the Columbia river and in Alaskan waters. Since 1905 he has engaged in fishing at Monterey and ever since has been doing well. He is a republican in national political affairs.

Mr. Enea married Miss Dominica Ruchillo, a native of Italy; and their union has been blessed with the following children: Vincenzo, Mary, Salvatore, Catherina, Peter, Orazio and Rose. All in all, Mr. and Mrs. Enea may well be congratulated upon their family.

MRS. LUCIE A. CHASE.

So long as Pacific Grove is animated with the spirit under which it was founded, so long will it honor such gentlewomen as Mrs. Lucie A. Chase, of 967 Ocean boulevard, decidedly one of the representative residents of this representative town. She was born at Plainfield, New Hampshire, and christened Lucie A. Moore. At Concord, in that same state, in 1863, she was married to Henry B. Chase, a native of New Hampshire, who passed away in April, 1922. For fifteen years they lived in New York city, and in the centennial year of the republic, 1876, they went west to Colorado Springs, Colorado.

In 1880 Mr. and Mrs. Chase moved further west, going first to California, and later for thirty years, their home was in Portland, Oregon, where Mr. Chase embarked in business. In 1901 however they came to Pacific Grove, charmed with the exceptionally-located prospective health resort, and two years later they built their home here. Quite recently Mrs. Chase has completed a still more beautiful residence in the Beach addition, on the point overlooking beautiful Monterey bay, and in doing so, she has given expression to her true character, as one of the most progressive and public spirited citizens, ready at all times to lend her aid in every possible way to promoting the best interests of the community in which she resides.

Mrs. Chase has always been an active worker in the Mayflower Congregational church of Pacific Grove, supporting it freely with her time and money, and the same may be said of her identification with that other eminently deserving, as it is preeminently important society, the Woman's Civic Improvement Club of Pacific Grove, of which she was the first vice president and third president. This club was organized February 2, 1903, with fourteen members, and Miss Julia B. Platt was the first president. Miss Platt and Mrs. S. E. Philbrick may be rightfully called the mothers of the club. Mrs. Lucie A. Chase was the first vice president, Miss S. E. Lowe, secretary, and Mrs. C. D. Smith, treasurer. The president at that time appointed Mrs. E. S. Beach, Mrs. E. B. Brown, Mrs. S. E. Philbrick, and Miss Ethel Prouty to complete the executive board.

After four years of successful, fruitful existence and activity, the Woman's Civic Improvement Club of Pacific Grove under the presidency of Mrs. Chase was duly incorporated October 14, 1907, and serving with her on the following board of directors were: Mrs. Stella J. Walkington, Mrs. Emily Tuttle, Mrs. Flora Philbrick, Mrs. Lizzie E. Cordy, Mrs. M. A. Grimes, Mrs. M. A. Anderson, Mrs. J. P. Pryor and Mrs. Nina S. Sheppa.

The first meeting of the club was held in the city hall, February 2, 1903, after a preliminary and informal meeting to consider the formation of a club had been held on January 16, 1903. A constitution was submitted and adopted, and at the next meeting the city was divided into districts, with committees appointed to make a house to house visit to consult with residents in relation to order and cleanliness of their immediate neighborhood, while the board of trustees was asked to cooperate in regard to the dumping of garbage on vacant lots. Thus the good work through which Pacific Grove has been so materially improved and her fair fame extended, was started in a systematic way.

Since then the work of the Woman's Civic Club has been as varied as it has been extensive, and one of its earliest accomplishments was the placing of street signs. A committee was organized for the prevention of cruelty to animals, receptacles were provided for waste papers and in 1906 seats for the public were placed at intervals

Lucie A. Chase.

along the water-front and around two large trees on the main thoroughfare. A convenient and artistic "lookout," constructed of wood and stone, was erected on Lover's Point, commanding an unrivaled view of the coast line, the bay and the distant mountains, and on this laudable undertaking alone the club spent no less than five hundred and fifty dollars. During 1908, too, the Club worked very earnestly to install the electric arc-lights, and at its own expense, placed one in the park, over the fountain, while through its able committee, of which Mrs. Winston was chairman, the club succeeded in placing nineteen such lights throughout the town. The ladies solicited in person the money necessary for this more costly innovation and succeeded in raising about one thousand, three hundred dollars for the purpose. Early in 1909 the club laid the two cross walks of Pajaro rock and Portland cement on Lighthouse and Forest avenues, at an expense of one hundred and seventy dollars. The club also provided fifteen benches near the music stand at a cost of three dollars and seventy-five cents each.

With untiring and united effort, much ingenuity and comparatively small expense, the clever women of the Pacific Grove Club have accomplished wonders. The matter of a home for the club has been before the well organized body for something over two years, and a fund, which had its beginning in the calendar contribution scheme, was started, and the purpose kept well in mind by the earnest and capable workers, resulting, in less time than at first anticipated, in the actual completion of the building. The ground on which the building stands is a portion of a half-block of land given by Mrs. Harriet Crocker Alexander to the Pacific Grove Museum Association in 1902. Completed, the clubhouse presents a most artistic exterior, in shingled bungalow effect, with a porch running the length of the assembly room, fifty feet by twelve, bordered by geranium boxes. The windows are colonial, as is the interior finish of the structure, which has, besides the assembly hall, which is twenty-five feet by fifty feet in size, a reception room, twenty-four feet by thirty feet, a dining room, sixteen feet by thirty-four feet, a finely-appointed kitchen, china cabinets, dressing room, and a large attic. One of the beauties and comforts of the reception room is a large big-log fireplace. The chimney, built within, adds greatly to the general effect of a grand staircase, leading to the upper quarters. Wood finish and the colonial idea carried into the furnishings give a suggestion of solid comfort.

CARLISLE S. ABBOTT.

Posterity, ever desirous of doing honor to all those who, by their lives and works, have made the world so much the better for their having toiled within it, will not soon forget the late Carlisle S. Abbott, the well-known California pioneer and the father of Harvey E. Abbott, whose biography is briefly presented elsewhere in this volume. Mr. Abbott was born on the shores of Lake Memphremagog, twelve miles north of the line between Canada and Vermont, on February 26, 1828, and he was therefore a native of Ontario, while his parents were natives of Connecticut. On March 3, 1850, he started from Beloit, Wisconsin, across the great plains to California as one of a company of twelve men, and after spending some time in the mines of Sacramento county, he located at Point Reyes, Marin county, in 1858. The country for miles and miles about was stocked with Spanish cattle and he engaged in dairying.

In 1865, however, he removed to the Salinas valley in Monterey county, and leased from David Spence two leagues of land, or about eight thousand, eight hundred and eighty-six acres, for a term of five years. Later he bought land for three dollars and fifty cents per acre, and there engaged in dairying, milking one thousand and five hundred cows a day. Salinas then consisted of a stage station, a blacksmith shop, and a saloon. This land was covered with mustard growing twelve feet high, and the place that he owned and farmed is now the site of the thriving town of Spreckels. Still later, Mr. Abbott bought twelve thousand acres of the San Lorenzo rancho, at the southern end of the valley, and carried on farming and sheepraising. In 1874, in Salinas, he built the Abbott House, which is still standing.

In 1872 Mr. Abbott was made one of the delegates to the national republican convention that nominated President Grant for his second term and in 1875 he was

elected a member of the California assembly, to which he was re-elected in 1877. While thus serving his fellowmen, he also promoted the organization of the Monterey & Salinas Valley Railroad, a narrow-guage extending for twenty-eight miles from Salinas to Monterey. He really made two trips across the plains, and there was never any doubt thereafter where Carlisle Abbott wished to live.

Mr. Abbott was married, at Beloit, Wisconsin, to Miss Alice Elizabeth Merriman and they became parents of three children who are living: Harvey E. Abbott, Francis A. Abbott and Mrs. Clara Giberson. Mr. Abbott was a member of Salinas Lodge, No. 204, F. & A. M., and nowhere was he ever a more welcome guest than when among his brother Masons. He wrote a book of his life when eighty-nine years of age, and he passed away at the very advanced age of ninety-two years.

JOSEPH V. CRIVELLO.

A dealer in cigars whose leaders are all favorites and whose patrons are the same steady buyers who know a good thing when they smoke it, is Joseph V. Crivello, of 205 Alvarado street, Monterey, where he owns a half interest in the Star Pool Room. He was born in Italy, November 2, 1892, the son of Vincent and Frances (Coniglio) Crivello, and he came to the United States with his father in 1908. The latter remained here until 1911, when he returned to his native land.

Educated in the public schools of Italy, Joseph V. Crivello afterward took up fishing and followed it in that country until coming to the United States in 1908. On arriving at Monterey, California, he continued in that pursuit for six years, then opened a cigar store and pool room, which he ran for three years. He went to Alaska in 1917 to fish for a season, and on returning to California, settled again at Monterey. He had accumulated some means, but he met with reverses, causing him to commence all over again. However he now owns a half interest in the Star Pool Room.

Mr. Crivello married Miss Frances Flores, a native of California and they have two children, Vincent and Frances. Mr. Crivello is a republican, and more than that he is one hundred per cent an adopted American, and of such a type as any community would be proud to include in its citizen lists.

JOHN B. HICKMAN.

John B. Hickman is the efficient and accommodating county horticultural commissioner of Monterey county, with headquarters at the Farm Advisor's office, on Main street, Salinas. A native of England, he was born in Oxford, January 18, 1848, but was reared and educated in Buffalo, New York, his parents having come to the United States when he was three months old.

In 1868 Mr. Hickman came to California by way of the Isthmus of Panama. He was locomotive engineer on the Central Pacific during the building of the road through Nevada, and he worked on the construction of the Sacramento Valley Railroad, serving also as a guard in the Folsom State Prison in early days. In 1873 he came to Monterey county and taught school at El Carneros. Through the following twenty-seven years he was a teacher in the county schools, ten years of this period having been devoted to teaching in the city of Monterey. During the vacation periods, Mr. Hickman gathered native California plants and shipped them to Europe, and made such an exhaustive study of plants and insects that it is not surprising that he has been horticultural commissioner of the county since 1902. He has originated numerous varieties of the increasingly popular garden plants, including narcissus, dahlias, Watsonias and others, and at an exhibit of wild flowers held at Watsonville, he displayed one hundred and sixty varieties from his collections. He has been a great help in the development of the pear and almond orchards in the county and for fifty years he has worked with the botanical department of the University of California. His home is on his ranch of one hundred and sixty-five acres, a part of the Carpen-

teria Spanish grant located at El Carneros, in Monterey county. When Father Junipero Serra was building the San Juan Mission, he made the ranch his headquarters and its was there he established a sheep corral, a home for live sheep and also for their herders. A pear orchard was also planted and some of the trees are still standing. The old spring which came from the rocky hills still supplies Mr. Hickman with the finest water in the state, and the spring has never been dry. The remains of the old hut of the sheep-herders is still there, and many Indian relics have been found in the plowing of the ranch, including daggers, bull-mouth rifles, ornamental jars and dishes of many kinds. From the records of the Indians, the other spring, the main one on the ranch, has not failed for one hundred and sixty years, and is giving as much water as it ever did. A small part of the hill pasture has yielded thousands of bulbs, which have in time paid for the ranch, many having been shipped to Europe. Rarely, if ever, elsewhere in California, may the traveler find an equally interesting historic old rancho.

The present Mrs. Hickman was Miss Frances Orton before her marriage, and she will long be pleasantly remembered by many who attended her school and enjoyed the benefits of her instruction, and who were proud to hear her acclaimed the best teacher of English in the Golden state. They have two daughters: Mrs. F. M. Carnahan, of Long Beach and Mrs. S. B. Koch of Berkeley. In many ways Mr. Hickman has contributed to the development and upbuilding of this county and as horticultural commissioner his work is extremely valuable to the community.

GRANT STEWART.

The experiences of life on the western frontier are thoroughly familiar to Grant Stewart, who followed mining and railroading in the early days and is now engaged in the cement contracting business at Watsonville. His activities along construction lines have brought him a wide acquaintance in northern California, and his is the record of a self-made man whose life from early boyhood has been one of unremitting industry. He was born March 18, 1868, in the old mining town of You Bet, high up in the Sierra mountains, in Nevada county, California. His father was one of the pioneer miners of this state and subsequently migrated to Virginia City, Nevada, where he spent the remainder of his life.

When but ten years of age Grant Stewart started to work in the mines of Virginia City and later learned the machinist's trade in the shops of the Southern Pacific Railroad at Sacramento, California. He worked as a locomotive fireman for that corporation and was advanced to the position of engineer. He ran one of their engines from Sacramento to Virginia City and also worked as an engineer on the Virginia & Truckee Railroad and the Bodie & Benton Railroad in Mono county, California, the last named being a logging road. He likewise followed mining all over the state of Nevada in search of the precious metal, but fortune eluded him.

In 1894 Mr. Stewart abandoned railroading and located in Salinas, Monterey county, California, where he learned the carpenter's trade under L. V. Grant, later serving an apprenticeship to the trades of brick mason and plasterer under a Mr. Johnson, a contractor. For twenty-nine months Mr. Grant was engaged in cement construction work on the Spreckels sugar factory in Monterey county and then embarked in business for himself as a cement contractor. He has laid many miles of sidewalks, curbs and gutters in Salinas, Monterey, King City, San Luis Obispo, Watsonville, Sacramento, San Jose, Berkeley and Los Angeles, California, and also in Reno, Nevada, and his name is stamped on all of his work, which is first class in every particular. He has been a resident of Watsonville for about nine years and by able management and conscientious, efficient service has built up a business of extensive proportions, employing a force of about twelve men. He has had broad experience in construction work and for eleven years was superintendent of road and highway building for the Granite Rock Company of Watsonville. Mr. Stewart has been awarded many important contracts and the most notable examples of his skill are afforded by the Monterey County Bank building, the Monterey county court house, the latter of which he remodeled, the Ford and Jefferson blocks, all situated in Salinas;

the Santa Cruz public library; a garage in Gonzales; the Ordway block in Monterey; and a concrete building for the St. Francis school near Watsonville, which was recently completed. He is also the owner of valuable real estate in San Jose, Alameda and Watsonville.

Mr. Stewart's first wife died in 1913, and in 1917 he married Mrs. Margaret Morgan and they now make their home in Watsonville. He has reared eight children and now has five grandchildren. John and Samuel Stewart, who were born of the first union, are assisting him in business. He also has two stepsons, Jack and George Morgan. The conditions of his early youth aroused his self-reliance and developed a strong and vigorous manhood that has enabled him to cope with the problems of life and find for them a ready and accurate solution. He has wrought along enduring lines and is justly honored for his unswerving integrity and genuine worth.

FRANK RIPLEY PREWITT.

A few years before the Mexican war Green Prewitt of Mississippi left his home in that state as a young man, to ascertain what the great west might contain. After spending some time in Texas and the present state of Oklahoma, the war with Mexico came to an end and a large tract of country, including California, came into the possession of the United States by the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in 1848. That same year found Mr. Prewitt in the new territory. The discovery of gold failed to excite him as it did thousands of others. He was in the Salinas valley at the time and preferred the good wages paid in the lumber camps to the uncertainty of gold seeking. Subsequently he was engaged in business as a ranchman near Paraiso Springs. He was married to Miss Teresa Ripley, a native of Monterey county, whose father was a sea captain in early life, afterward settling in Monterey county, where he held the offices of sheriff and county surveyor.

Frank R. Prewitt was born April 11, 1872, grew to manhood on his father's ranch and received a grammar school education. About the time he reached his majority he entered the employ of the Spreckles Sugar Company, with which concern he remained until 1900, when he became a carpenter and plumber for the Southern Pacific Railway Company. In 1912 he returned to the Spreckles Sugar Company. With this company he has worked in various capacities and at various places, first as a farm hand near King City, and later as manager of different ranches. In November, 1921, he came to his present position as manager of the company's No. 2 ranch at Soledad. This ranch embraces one thousand and two hundred acres, upon which from thirty to fifty men are employed, raising sugar beets and beans.

In 1906 Mr. Prewitt was married, in Santa Cruz, to Miss Nellie Gates, a native of Iowa. They are members of the Catholic church and Mr. Prewitt is a republican. He owns property in Soledad.

GEORGE PAULSEN.

George Paulsen, proprietor of the Sunshine Creamery at 17 Walnut avenue, Santa Cruz, was born on a farm in Schleswig-Holstein, Denmark, January 19, 1892. In young manhood he served for a year in the Danish army and then worked in a creamery, the two experiences affording him a practical knowledge of life that has been of value to him ever since.

In 1913, or a short time before the outbreak of the World war, Mr. Paulsen crossed the Atlantic to America and soon made his way westward to California. For a short time he was in Watsonville and later was employed at milking cows at a dairy in Santa Cruz. He next worked on a farm for the Spreckels Sugar Company at Salinas, and then went to Modesto, where he worked as a buttermaker in the Stanislaus Creamery for two years, and next he was employed in the Manteca Creamery.

In October, 1919, he came to Santa Cruz and bought the Sunshine Creamery,

with which he has made a wonderful success. His business in the first year amounted to only twenty-five thousand dollars, after which his patronage and output so increased that in 1923 he did a business of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. In 1924 all the old machinery was taken out, and an entirely new equipment installed. Now he has a fine modern plant, manufacturing the widely popular Sunsine Creamery butter, thoroughly pasteurized, turning out over four hundred pounds daily, while he sells over five hundred gallons of milk a day, sixty gallons of sweet cream, and one hundred and twenty-five gallons of ice cream, employing five auto-trucks to handle the volume, in making prompt deliveries. A self-made man, risen from an emigrant boy who could not speak a word of English when he began his career in America, Mr. Paulsen's record as a successful man of affairs is highly creditable to him and to all concerned with his development and progress.

Mrs. Paulsen was Miss Anne Christiansen, a native of Frnen, Denmark, before her marriage, and she is the proud mother of two children, Paul and Anna. Mr. Paulsen belongs to the Danish Lodge of San Francisco, Santa Cruz Lodge, No. 96, I. O. O. F., the Loyal Order of Moose and to the Red Men.

W. F. BEASLEY.

W. F. Beasley, veteran California hotel man is senior member of the firm of W. F. Beasley & Son, proprietors of the widely known popular Hotel el Camino Real in King City, Monterey county, pronounced by competent judges and the general run of the tourist population of this section of the state to be the most up-to-date and the best equipped hotel in the county. He is a native son of California and has been a resident of this state all his life, engaged in the hotel business since the days of his young manhood, for his father was one of the pioneer hotel men of a different section of the state and W. F. thus practically "grew up" to the business for which he has shown such ready aptitude and in which his son now also is engaged, this business thus having been prominently represented by three generations of the Beasleys in California. W. F. Beasley was born in Mariposa county, this state, October 28, 1857, and is the firstborn of the seven children of Robert E. and Elizabeth (Bailey) Beasley, both representatives of old families in the south, the latter of whom had come into this state with her parents from Texas in 1854. Robert E. Beasley was a Tennesseean by birth but a Texan by rearing, for his parents had moved with their family from Tennessee to Texas when he was but a lad and in this latter state he grew up sturdy and self-reliant. In 1849 he came to California and after adventuring around a bit in the mining region started a hotel along the coast, not far north of Santa Cruz, and also became engaged in the retail meat business. He continued in active business until 1867 when, on account of ill health, he moved back off the coast to the highlands in San Benito county and there his last days were spent, his death occurring on November 18, 1869. The hotel he established there in San Benito county was long thereafter carried on by his widow, who was left at his death with a large family of small children to care for.

As will be noted by a comparison of above dates, W. F. Beasley was but twelve years of age when his father died and as the eldest of the children thus bereft of a father's care he early began to assume mature responsibilities in his efforts to help his mother in the trying task that confronted her. His schooling ceased after his father's death and he thereafter worked at farm labor and at such other jobs as his hand found to do in San Benito county, also helpful in such ways as possible about the inn which his mother was maintaining in San Benito, and he remained there until he was eighteen years of age when, in 1875, he took up his location in Monterey county, where he ever since has made his home, with the exception of five years spent in business in San Francisco. In 1908 Mr. Beasley leased the old Hotel el Camino Real in King City, an old established hostelry that had not been brought up to date and which had but eighteen guest-rooms, and started in there in the hotel business, doing what he could with the facilities at hand to carry on a modern hotel. In 1915 he was able to buy the old hotel property and having meanwhile bought the vacant lot adjoining he at once erected on this lot an extension to the old hotel. Two years later,

in 1917, when the present modern hotel was erected by Mr. Beasley—the Hotel el Camino Real—this extension was veered around to the rear and the older structure razed to make way for the improvement, the general direction of this reconstructive process having been under the charge of Mr. Beasley's son, W. C. Beasley, long his partner in the operation of the hotel, and the present manager. This hotel now has about one hundred rooms and is ample for present needs. It is built of reinforced concrete, three stories and a basement, with its own laundry, heating and refrigerating plant, and is otherwise equally well equipped.

In December, 1886, Mr. Beasley was united in marriage to Miss Sarah May Betts, who also was born in this state, in Humboldt county, a daughter of James T. Betts, one of the pioneers of that county. Mr. and Mrs. Beasley have two children: The son, William C. Beasley, and a daughter, Edna, the wife of E. C. Lawrence of the King City branch of the Bank of Italy. William C. Beasley, junior member of the firm of W. F. Beasley & Son, proprietors of the Hotel el Camino Real, married Edith Halter and has one child, a daughter, Jeannie Dolores. He is affiliated with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Foresters of America and the Woodmen of the World. W. F. Beasley is an active member of the King City Chamber of Commerce and is affiliated with the fraternal orders of the Knights of Pythias, the Foresters, the Elks and the Eagles.

MORELAND NOTRE DAME ACADEMY.

The Moreland Notre Dame Academy stands in majestic beauty just where the main thoroughfare of Watsonville blends with the Santa Cruz highway. It is the splendid tribute of a devoted mother to the memory of her only child, and a still more splendid memorial of that mother's grand Catholic spirit. The academy was erected in 1899 by Mrs. Margaret S. Moreland, of Watsonville, who took this means of perpetuating the memory of her beloved daughter, Josephine, deceased some years before that time. Josephine had been educated by the Sisters of Notre Dame and she was a cherished student of College Notre Dame at San Jose. Her death at the age of eighteen years deprived her widowed mother of the sweetest consolation that life could afford, but, with a spirit of faith beyond words to express, Mrs. Moreland determined that her own bereavement should prove a blessing to the children of more fortunate parents. Accordingly, she devoted the inheritance of her dear child to the erection of an academy, to be confided to the Sisters of Notre Dame, that they might be to the children of Watsonville all that they had been to her own gentle Josephine. In recognition of this noble purpose, the academy was entitled Moreland Notre Dame, and for the past twenty-five years it has been the center of Catholic education in Watsonville.

Besides the flourishing day school, Moreland Notre Dame Academy includes a boarding department, which is always filled to its capacity. The high school is accredited to the University of California, and it is thus prepared to offer the best of educational facilities to students who plan to continue their studies through college. The courses offered by the academy are grammar, high school, secretarial and musical. A recent addition to the group of buildings is Saint Cecelia's Hall, where the work of the music department is carried on. The equipment here, as elsewhere in the academy is on the most modern plans, and personal supervision of the students during practice hours insures the best results along musical lines.

The present faculty of Moreland Notre Dame College includes nineteen Sisters of Notre Dame and three secular teachers. The Superior is Sister Mary Veronica, who was first appointed at the foundation of the institution in 1899. For eleven years Sister Superior Mary Veronica presided over the academy, and in 1910 she was appointed Provincial of the Sisters of Notre Dame on the Pacific coast. This necessitated her removal to the Provincial House in San Jose, where she resided for the following ten and a half years. At the end of that period, having reached the limit of time permitted by canon law for the provincialship, Sister Superior Mary Veronica was again placed at the head of Moreland Notre Dame Academy. Since the foundation of the academy, Sister Superior has been twice called to visit the Mother-House of Notre Dame, in Namur, Belgium. On both occasions she enjoyed opportunities of inspecting various educational establishments in Europe, as well as in our eastern states,

and Moreland Notre Dame has always reaped the advantage in equipment and educational service.

During the current year the academy will celebrate its silver jubilee, and the warm wishes of the many friends of the establishment are expressed in the hope that the achievements of the past twenty-five years may go on with ever increasing ardor, so that jubilee after jubilee may see Moreland Notre Dame continuing its great work for the honor and glory of Almighty God.

LUTHER R. HOLMAN.

Californians have never failed to accord proper esteem and praise to those sturdy, progressive forerunners who did so much to lay the foundations broad and well for all who should come after, nor will the Golden state soon forget such men as the late Luther R. Holman, who passed away April 20, 1909. He was born at Underhill, Vermont, and there was educated. It was in the eventful year of 1850 that he first came to California, sailing around the Horn. He remained in San Francisco for some time and then returned east. On again coming to California he brought the first combined harvesters used in the state. To demonstrate these, he went from place to place, and from this he gradually worked into the agricultural implement business, later doing a wholesale business under the firm name of the Holman Stanton Company. They finally sold out to Thompson Diggs, of Sacramento.

In 1888 Mr. Holman removed to Pacific Grove, where he engaged in handling building materials, but the restrictions of the Pacific Improvement Company, forced him out of business. In 1891 he embarked in the dry goods trade at Pacific Grove, having a partner with whom he did business under the name of Towle & Holman, but when the Klondyke rush absorbed so many, Mr. Towle sold his interest to Mr. Holman, who continued the enterprise. In 1893 a furniture department was added, and W. R. Holman, the present owner, was put in charge of the new division. In 1903, as the business increased, the firm moved to their present location, and Luther R. Holman remained active in the business until 1905, when he retired to his ranch at Stockton, turning the establishment over to his sons, W. R. and C. E. Holman. After a year, C. E. Holman withdrew, and his brother assumed full control, under whose management the business has continued to expand until today there are forty-four departments under one roof. A new three-story full concrete building has just been completed, covering an entire block, with a floor space of some seventy-five thousand feet, and having three hundred feet of plate-glass show windows, it being the largest store of its kind on the coast between San Francisco and Los Angeles. With such prosperity to gratify him, it is not suprising that W. R. Holman supports generously all local civic endeavors meeting with general endorsement.

W. R. Holman married Miss Zena Patrick, a native of North Dakota, and two children have been born to them, Patricia and Harriet. Mr. Holman is a republican, but he is too broad to be merely partisan and so maintains his independence in both thinking and voting.

WILLIAM T. KIBBLER.

William T. Kibbler, the efficient and popular mayor of Carmel, living on Eighth street, near Ocean avenue, is a native of Boston, born May 12, 1856. There he attended both the grammar and the high schools, and afterward clerked in a drug store. In 1874 he came to the Pacific coast, settling in San Francisco, where he clerked in the drug store of Judson & Company. Then going to Los Angeles county, he engaged in wheat farming for four years.

In 1885 Mr. Kibbler returned to San Francisco and established himself in business by opening a drug store at the corner of Truh and Hyde streets and another at the corner of Truh and Larkin streets. At one time he owned a drug store on the site of the present Roos Brother's store. He was also prominent in politics and he served as

foreman of the grand jury in 1900. Like so many thousands, he suffered heavy losses in the San Francisco fire but after that disaster he resumed business at the corner of Truh and Larkin streets where he remained for two years. Later he sold out and since 1908 has made Carmel his home.

In 1904 the Carmel Development Company started to put town lots upon the market, and the value of local property may be inferred from the fact that the officers of the Carmel Development Company offered to trade to Mr. Kibbler two lots for a buckboard he had used in San Francisco, and that he offered for sale at thirty-five dollars. The deal went through, although the nominal price of the lots was one hundred twenty-five dollars each. Mrs. Kibbler had been to Carmel and liking the place, she drew plans for a modern house of eight rooms. This was the first good home built in Carmel, the previous structures being mostly portable. This more attractive residence was shown to prospective buyers, and it was through this model and its exhibition that the movement for modern homes in Carmel was started.

Mr. Kibbler has been thrice chosen mayor of Carmel, the last time in April, 1924. This has enabled him to lead in all important public improvements, and it was through him that the city was incorporated in 1914. He was formerly president and is now treasurer of the Forest theater. When the Monterey Union high school was built, he was a member of the board, on which he is still serving, and was one of the school's founders. He belongs to Monterey Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Golden Gate Commandery, and Islam Temple of the Mystic Shrine of San Francisco, and is a most exemplary representative of the Masonic order. His life has been of intense and intelligently directed activity, crowned with success, and the broad vision and progressive spirit he has manifested as mayor of Carmel have been most important factors in the upbuilding and development of the city and in maintaining high municipal standards.

HENRY VEACH.

Any one who loves stories of adventure will be interested in this brief sketch of the life of Henry Veach, owner and proprietor of the "Zoo," at Bradley, California. He was born on October 8, 1862, where the town of Thornton now stands. His father was a native of Ohio, and his mother was born in Missouri. In 1849 they came to California with an emigrant train, in which the wagons were drawn by oxen, being six months and six days on the journey. They first located at Placerville, but removed to the site of Thornton and later to Paraiso Springs, where Henry grew to manhood. In his boyhood the region was not thickly settled and he walked six miles to school.

At the age of eleven years he made him a bow and arrows and became so expert in the use of this weapon that many small animals and birds fell before his unerring aim. Then he got hold of an old army musket and improved his marksmanship. Since then he has owned a number of the best guns made. For a long time he supported the family solely by hunting and trapping, in which he became well known all through central California. He invented and constructed many novel and ingenious traps for fur bearing animals and wild fowl. One catch of wild ducks on Tulare lake amounted to one thousand, one hundred and seventeen fowls, which he sold at from fifty cents to two dollars a dozen, according to the species. In early days the ducks would come to this lake by thousands. Mr. Veach says he has seen them so numerous that at times they would cover acres of water so closely that it could scarcely be seen. In one day's hunting, with a large gauge shotgun and No. 4 shot, he killed six hundred and fifteen ducks in only nine shots. In these present days, when game is growing scarcer every year, this story may sound a little "fishy," but it is vouched for by persons who have known Mr. Veach for years and know him for a truthful man. He was engaged in hunting and trapping for forty-three years and during twelve years of that time never slept under a roof.

In 1888 Mr. Veach came to Bradley, where he has since resided. In 1916 he bought out a small store, which he removed to the state highway when it was completed, and now he carries a stock of groceries, confectionery and soft drinks. He has established a camp for automobile tourists, to which he has given the name of the

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"Zoo." This name is appropriate, as he has the largest private collection of animals and birds on the Pacific coast, including bears, deer, monkeys, raccoons, foxes, coyotes, parrots, magpies, pheasants, Chinese sacred birds, that is said change their color three times annually, red laurel, a very rare bird, Siberian teal, and many other specimens from Mexico, South America and Australia. He has been offered big prices for his collection, but he knows what an attraction it is for tourists, many of whom spend a day or more in "Zoo," studying the habits and laughing at the antics of the animals. Another reason why he refuses to sell is that during his long and varied experience as a hunter and trapper, he had an opportunity to observe birds and beasts in their wild state, and he feels qualified to care for those in the "Zoo" better than would many a stranger.

In 1882 Mr. Veach was united in marriage with Miss Etta Tillman and they have four children. Hazel became the wife of Thomas Brown and both she and her husband assist her father in his business. Daisy is bookkeeper for the California Raisin Company at Fowler. Alta married Philip Budrow, who manages a confectionery and soft drink establishment at Monterey, belonging to Mr. Veach. Layton is at home and assists his father in the store and in looking after the automobile camp. Tourists advertise his camp and for many miles away the advice is given: "When you get to Bradley stop at Veach's."

MRS. ALICE CULVERWELL DIXON.

Mrs. Alice C. Dixon, clerk of the board of education of the city of Santa Cruz, and widely known for her executive ability, is constantly actuated by a desire to be of service, in making the school system here equal to that of any other part of the state.

Mrs. Dixon is a native daughter of the "Golden West," born in San Francisco, and descended from old pioneer stock, her grandfather having been one of those who arrived in 1849. She was educated in the Santa Cruz schools, after which she taught for a while in the city schools. She then joined the staff of the Los Angeles city schools, and in the southland made the same enviable record for thoroughness in all that she undertook. She was for years active in civic affairs and having availed herself of every opportunity to observe and to learn from actual conditions in the world, she was soon of service in movements for the betterment of society. She thoroughly studied important and vital problems, and has always employed most practical methods in working toward ideals. She was the first president of the County Federation of Women's Clubs, in Santa Cruz county, and is a charter member of the Saturday Afternoon Club of Santa Cruz, an organization now known for its activity and influence in every corner of the Golden state.

As a business woman whose labors are forceful and resultant, Mrs. Dixon is proprietor of the Big Tree Drug Store at Santa Cruz, also owns valuable real estate in the city. Her experience and knowledge therefore enable her to aid substantially in the administration of school affairs and as clerk of the board of education her work is proving far-reaching and beneficial.

HENRY M. CLAUSSEN.

Henry M. Claussen, proprietor of the Alpine Dairy at Gonzales, was born at Point Reyes, Marin county, California, August 15, 1892, a son of Henry M. and Clara (Wallengren) Claussen. The father was a native of Schleswig-Holstein and the mother of Stockholm, Sweden. The subject of this sketch is the third to bear the name, his father and grandfather both having been christened Henry M. The Scandinavian countries have been celebrated in song and story for the skill and bravery of their sailors. The father became a sailor at an early age and when twenty-one held his certificate as master, qualified to command any kind of a ship on any of the waters of the world. His seafaring life was cut short by the death of his father, who was a pioneer dairyman at Point Reyes. At the time the sad news reached him he was

on an outward bound vessel on a voyage to Hong Kong. He returned to Point Reyes at the earliest opportunity and took charge of the dairy. There he passed the remainder of his life.

After attending grammar school Henry M. Claussen of this review enrolled as a student in the Hitchcock Military Academy at San Rafael, California. Two years were profitably spent in this institution when the death of his father compelled him to leave school to take charge of the dairy which had so long been in possession of the family. Three years later the dairy was disposed of and in 1917 he came to Gonzales. Forming a partnership with A. R. Patrick, the two leased the Alpine ranch of five hundred and twenty-nine acres and established the Alpine Dairy. Prior to that time the ranch had been devoted entirely to the production of grain. The lessees changed it to a dairy ranch, though enough feed is raised every year to support the herd of cattle. Wells were sunk for irrigating purposes, barns were built to comply with the California laws regarding dairies, and a herd of high grade cattle was collected. Mr. Claussen soon afterward purchased his partner's interest and became the sole owner of one of the finest dairies in this section of the state. He has a few registered bulls and over two hundred milch cows, of which about one hundred thirty are kept in constant use. In 1923 he raised one hundred ninety-five acres of alfalfa, besides all the grain and hay necessary for feed.

Mr. Claussen belongs to the Masonic fraternity, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and Salinas Pyramid, Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots. He is also a member of the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce. In July, 1923, he was united in marriage to Miss Alice J. Peterson, a native of Point Reyes, and they have one child, Jean Marylin.

CARL F. ARNOLD.

Carl F. Arnold, whose talents lie along mechanical lines, has worked for many of the leading automobile manufacturers of the country, constantly broadening his knowledge and augmenting his skill, and is now classed with the most successful dealers of Watsonville, where he also operates a well equipped repair shop. Fortune has not always bestowed her favors upon him, but adversity has spurred him on to renewed effort, and by hard work and perseverance he has conquered every impediment in his course, pressing steadily onward to the goal fixed by his ambition.

Mr. Arnold was born June 29, 1879, in Battle Creek, Michigan, and is a son of Fred and Pauline (Bender) Arnold, both natives of Germany. The father came to California in 1888 and is now engaged in the dairy business in Santa Clara county. He has wisely conserved his powers and although he has reached the age of seventy-five years is still vigorous in mind and body.

Carl F. Arnold attended the public schools of San Jose, California, and during vacation periods worked as an errand boy for the Home Union Company, hardware dealers of that city, thus earning his first money. He learned all branches of the trade of an automobile machinist in Battle Creek and Detroit, Michigan, and was employed in some of the largest factories of those cities. He helped to make and assemble one of the first gas engines in this country and a year was consumed in the work, which was performed at Battle Creek in 1902. While in Detroit he built the first four-cylinder crank shaft ever constructed and was personally acquainted with Henry Ford when he was experimenting on his automobile. Mr. Arnold took a thorough course in mechanical drafting with the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, Pennsylvania, and when a resident of Detroit worked for the Reliance Company, the Griffin Wheel Company and also in the tool rooms of the Cadillac and Packard factories. In 1904 he was employed in the tool shop of the Hetterman & Cramer Company, whose factory was situated next door to the Ford plant, and in 1907 he again came to the Pacific coast, opening an automobile repair shop in San Jose. In 1910 he returned to the east, working for some time in the Durant and Buick factories in Flint, Michigan, and in 1915 he came to Watsonville. He obtained a position in the Covell repair shop and has also been employed in shops in Los Angeles. He has made one trip around the world and five across the United States, working at his trade. Mr. Arnold is the most experienced mechanic in his line in this section of the country and

a recognized authority on matters pertaining to automobile construction. In 1922 he located permanently in Watsonville, purchasing an automobile repair shop. His capital at that time amounted to three hundred dollars, and he owed seven thousand dollars. The business was a small one, only one man being at first employed, but under Mr. Arnold's progressive management it has developed rapidly and he now requires the assistance of three experienced mechanics. He has met nearly all of his outstanding obligations and his affairs are in a very prosperous condition. He recently acquired the local agency for the Overland and Willys-Knight automobiles, two of the most popular cars on the market, and also handles the Philadelphia storage battery.

In 1916 Mr. Arnold married Miss Gertrude Angel, of Wells, Nevada, who has been of great assistance to her husband in the upbuilding of the business. He is identified with the various branches of Masonry and belongs to Watsonville Lodge, No. 110, F. & A. M., and to Aahmes Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Oakland. He is also connected with the Eastern Star and with Watsonville Lodge, No. 1300, of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He lends his support to every project destined to prove of value to his city and is accorded the respect which is the just prerogative of the self-made man who fights life's battles single-handed.

JOSEPH W. HAND.

Decidedly among the most interesting, as unquestionably among the most honored of citizens of Carmel-by-the-Sea are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Hand, of Ocean avenue, who have resided here so many years that they may well claim to be a part of the historic art colony. Mr. Hand was born at Lynn, Massachusetts, July 29, 1845, and in the still colorful days of '61, he came west, and while yet a lad of eighteen, he was a pony express rider on a branch line that ran from Virginia City to Humboldt. He later met his "beloved Mollie," who was then a Canadian girl popular as Miss Mary E. Dickson, and they were married at San Francisco, April 26, 1874, by the Rev. Mr. Lathrop, after which they made Alameda their home for years. While a resident of Alameda and Oakland, Mr. Hand was in the grocery trade. It was in 1906 the year of the great earthquake and fire, that he left San Francisco to take up his abode in Carmel—the Mecca of artists and writers and for six years he was bookkeeper for the Carmel Development Company. Now he is in the general real estate and insurance business, and what Mr. Hand does not know about Carmel is hardly worth the knowing, and what Mr. Hand is not willing to do, in all sincerity and kindliness for the stranger, is hardly worth the asking of any one else. He has also been recorder of Carmel for many years, and in this position he has added to his many friends, especially among those appreciative of geniality in the transaction of official business. Mrs. Hand is likewise active in civic and social life, and as president of several women's clubs, she continues to wield an enviable influence for great good—a circumstance delightful to read about, for not to many others has it been given to spend so long a time in a spot so beautiful as Carmel, or to still be so enamored of their first love at the end of their protracted stay. With their long sojourn here, Mr. and Mrs. Hand have come to love the town, for its picturesqueness and its traditions, and no one wishes more heartily that it may never lose the atmosphere which has made it beloved and famous.

Joe Hand, as he was long affectionately called by the Carmelites, was the "daddy of dramatics" in the nationally famous art colony, having started the town's first dramatic club, and been the original president of the widely-known Forest Theater. Mrs. Hand has been the mother of all of Carmel's club activities. The Arts and Crafts, for example, which she helped organize and bring into being many years ago, and of which she was president for many seasons, is, as it has always been, a leading factor in the social and art life of the town, and it was the pioneer organization in the Little Theater movement.

Three distinct shifts of artists have come and gone during the sway of this well beloved couple in turbulent Carmel; and possibly the only point of agreement between these different groups of assorted temperaments was their fondness for Mr. and Mrs. Hand. These pioneers saw such figures as H. Batchel, Sidney Yard, Jack Lon-

don, Ambrose Bierce, Mary Austin, Jimmy Hopper, George Sterling and a dozen others, who rank high in the artistic annals of this country, come and go in the first era. Later, Sinclair Lewis and William Rose Bennett rented a cottage from the Hands, where they burnt the midnight oil and ate soda crackers, while they laid the foundation for their big national careers.

These, with a long list which boasts such names as Kathleen Norris and Charles Norris, I. A. R. Wiley, Elizabeth Frazier and a score of others, make up the second category, also of lasting interest and appeal. And now there is the present era, which takes in such names as Harry Leon Wilson, Samuel G. Blythe, Joe Mora, Robert Welles Ritchie, Alice McGowan Cooke, Frederick Bechdoldt, William Ritchel, Ferdinand Burgdorff and all the other celebrities and near celebrities that go to make Carmel-by-the-Sea the unique town that it is. Mrs. Hand always went in for the directing of local dramatics, while Joe Hand was for years Carmel's most beloved actor. Of late, it may be whispered, he has taken to making "farewell" appearances, but like the Divine Sarah, his public, it must be admitted, simply refuses to let him leave the boards.

On April 26, 1924, Mr. and Mrs. Hand celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary, assisted by forty-eight relatives, including ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, when none were merrier or younger than the worthy and handsome couple themselves. By a former marriage Mr. Hand has one daughter, Mrs. Addie C. Graham, of Connecticut. The children of the second marriage are Mary E., now Mrs. M. E. Ives of Los Angeles, and Edgar and Herbert Hand. It was at Edgar Hand's cosy home, in San Francisco, that the old-fashioned family reunion took place.

STEPHEN SCURICH.

Some men are born with a genius for leadership and no obstacle can prevent them from attaining the object of their ambition. Of this type is Stephen Scurich, who came to this country a poor boy and through the strength of his character and the force of his mental endowments has overcome circumstances, bending them to his will. He has now reached a field of broad influence and usefulness, and Watsonville is the richer in resources and citizenship because of his enterprise and public spirit.

Stephen Scurich was born in Dalmatia, October 18, 1868, and in 1884, when sixteen years of age, sought the opportunities afforded in the Golden state. He secured work on a ranch near Byron, in Contra Costa county and was next employed in a fruit commission house of San Francisco. He was born and reared in a fruit country, where apples, pears, grapes and olives grew in abundance, and was therefore familiar with that branch of farming. He arrived in Watsonville in 1886 and became associated with his brother, Luke Scurich, in the fruit packing and shipping industry. Later he purchased a tract of one hundred acres in Green valley, on which he planted an apple orchard. This he developed into the finest orchard in the valley and realized a large profit from the sale of the place. He has demonstrated his faith in the future of Watsonville by investing heavily in city realty and his operations have been of signal service to the community, greatly enhancing the value of property in this locality. He has built over one hundred homes and has large holdings in the residential sections of the city. He owned and placed on the market the Stephen Scurich subdivision, a six-acre tract on Second street, which was separated into lots, on which many fine residences have been erected. He owns a business block on Main street, opposite the California Theater; the Central Hotel, which he has recently remodeled; and a block of three acres at the intersection of West Lake and Walker streets. This consists of packing houses which Mr. Scurich has built, and he is also a director of the Mateo Lettunich Company, owners of the Lettunich block on Main street. Since 1904 he has engaged in the general brokerage business, dealing in packing box shook, paper, nails, labels, paste and lumber. He is the local agent for the Olsen Lithograph Company of San Francisco, supplying the packers and shippers with labels, and agent for the Cunard line and also leading French, American and Italian steamship lines. He represents the Rhode Island Fire Insurance Company and is one of the directors of the Bank of Italy in Watsonville. He also represents the Dwight Lumber Company

of San Francisco; the Tarter, Webster & Johns, Incorporated, a lumber firm of the same city; the Blake, Moffitt & Town Paper Company, and the Pittsburgh Steel Company. He was one of the promoters of the California Theater Company, which recently erected at Watsonville one of the finest photo play houses in this region, and is serving as its vice president. He is the moving spirit in all of these undertakings, and his salient traits as a business man are his executive force, his notable foresight, his power to penetrate a labyrinth of intricate affairs and his fertility of resource.

In 1898 Mr. Scurich married Miss Lucia Zar, a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, and they have become the parents of three children: Anna, the wife of Dr. Sanbuck, of Los Angeles, California, and the mother of a daughter, Jean; Ruth, who resides at home; and Stephen Jr. Mr. Scurich is a notary public and a member of the Transportation Club of San Francisco, which maintains its headquarters in the Palace Hotel. Along fraternal lines he is connected with Pajaro Lodge, No. 90, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Lodge No. 602, of the Loyal Order of Moose. Mr. Scurich loses no opportunity to exploit the resources and advantages of this favored region and has been the means of bringing many of his fellow countrymen to the Pajaro valley. His activities have touched life at many points and he has done much to shape the destiny of his city, in which his name is highly honored.

EDWARD B. BRESCHINI.

Breschini's Emporium in Blanco, is one of the well known and thriving mercantile concerns of Monterey county. In 1888 John Breschini came from Switzerland and settled in central California. For several years he worked on dairy farms in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties, and then bought a ranch near Blanco. In 1900 he gave a turkey shoot and raffle at his ranch, the first of its kind in this section of the state. Since then the annual event of this character is one of the "big doings" of the county. Frequently five thousand people are in attendance and from a thousand to fifteen hundred turkeys are distributed among the winners. In 1897 Mr. Breschini purchased the stock of goods and the building in which it was housed in Blanco and engaged in merchandising. Nine years later a new and larger building was erected and the general store then became Breschini's Emporium by which name it is still known. In 1921 the entire business was transferred to Edward B. Breschini, the son of the founder, and his partner, Frank Arata.

Edward B. Breschini is one of a family of eight children born to John Breschini and his wife, the others being: Rose, who is now Mrs. Frank Arata; Peter; Della, now Mrs. Robert Moore, and John, Alice, Ernest and Arnold. Edward B. Breschini took a course in Heald's Business College of Oakland, and became associated with his father in business. His father retired in 1921 and turned the Emporium over to his son and son-in-law, Frank Arata. Mr. Arata died on February 14, 1925, leaving one child, a son, Alton. Mrs. Arata is now active in the business in the place of her husband. The Blanco post office is an annex of the Emporium, and John Breschini is postmaster, taking care of all the actual post office work.

ADOLF ROTHER.

A native of Germany who has become a full-fledged American and enjoys the confidence, esteem and goodwill of his fellow-citizens in this, his adopted country, is Adolf Rother, the proprietor of the "Town Clock Cafe," at 107 Pacific avenue, Santa Cruz. He was born in Riesengebirge, Germany, August 12, 1881, and when nineteen years of age came to America. For a while, he worked in the Hotel Waldorf-by-the-Sea, at Rockaway Beach, Long Island, and later was employed in some of the prominent hotels and leading cafes in New York. For ten years he worked in Achtel Steller's restaurant, in Newark, New Jersey, one of the best and most successful in that city, and then determined to establish his home on the Pacific coast. In 1919 he came to Santa Cruz. well-equipped with both practical experience and the highest testimonials.

Here Mr. Rother formed a partnership with Anton Suk and they bought the cafe known as the Dabclick Grill, which name they changed to the Town Clock Cafe. The restaurant was located in the Odd Fellows building and the fact that there was a town clock at the top of that structure suggested the later and more popular name. In October, 1923, Mr. Rother purchased his partner's interest, so that he is now the sole owner, and the cafe has become one of the most popular in Santa Cruz. Mr. Rother, with a keen eye to the anticipated wants of the patrons of the future, has made many improvements in the kitchen equipment. Genuine oil paintings adorn the salon walls and much has been done to beautify the establishment. The cafe is not only an attractive place in which to dine, but the cuisine is excellent, only the best quality of food being served. Fresh vegetables and fish—no cold storage food—and berries in season are some of the attractions of the table, and although Santa Cruz is preeminently a summer resort, the Town Clock Cafe enjoys an enviable patronage both summer and winter, and in turn Santa Cruz is proud of so well-conducted and prosperous a cafe.

Mr. Rother was united in marriage to Matilda Steigmann and they have two children: Olga and Adolf, both born in Newark, New Jersey. Mr. Rother belongs to Santa Cruz Lodge, No. 96, I. O. O. F., and to the Woodmen of the World. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to try his fortune in the new world, for here he found the opportunities he sought and by their utilization has gradually worked his way upward to success.

LUKE P. BISKUP.

Luke P. Biskup, prominenty identified with the fruit-packing industry of Watsonville, is a self-made man and a representative of that type of foreign-born American citizen whose inherited tendencies of industry, enterprise and integrity have added so much to the development and prosperity of our nation. He was born June 5, 1887, in the province of Dalmatia, Austria, and was reared on a farm. His education was acquired in his native land and in 1908, when eighteen years of age, he yielded to the lure of the new world. After reaching the United States he started for Watsonville, where he joined an older brother, who had preceded him to the Pacific coast. When Luke P. Biskup reached this city he had but twenty dollars and was further handicapped by his complete ignorance of the English language. However, he possessed the valuable assets of youth, energy and ambition, and with these he has surmounted every difficulty and obstacle in his path, pressing steadily forward to the goal of success.

Mr. Biskup was hired by N. Dickelson, who assigned to him the task of pruning fruit trees on his ranch on the San Juan road, and for three years he was employed on fruit farms in the Pajaro valley, driving teams and also doing plowing, pruning and other labor. He worked for a year in the orchards near San Jose, saving as much as possible from his wages, and on his return to Watsonville rented the Litchfield ranch, a sixty-acre tract, for which he paid the sum of four hundred dollars per annum. The place was situated in Green valley and twenty acres were devoted to apricots, peaches, cherries and pears. The first year was a disastrous one and Mr. Biskup lost a thousand dollars but made up his loss in the second year, making a profit of one thousand dollars. He next leased the Chris Johnson ranch of eighty acres, twenty of which were utilized for the growing of apples, and operated the property for three years. He paid an annual rental of eight hundred dollars, and his profits for each year amounted to one thousand dollars. Mr. Biskup then bought a twenty-acre apple orchard in the Railroad district for eight thousand dollars and operated the ranch successfully for two years, when he sold it for sixteen thousand dollars, doubling his money. Later he offered twenty thousand dollars for the same farm but the owner refused to sell. For the past five years Mr. Biskup has engaged in packing and shipping green and dried fruits, designated as the Rosebud brand, working on an independent basis, and in this venture he has been equally successful. He pays his packers fifty cents per hour but when he started to work here his wages amounted to a dollar

and a quarter per day. He shipped forty carloads of fruit in 1923 and under his expert management the business is enjoying a rapid growth.

In 1922 Mr. Biskup married Miss Anna Glage, who was born in South Dakota, and they own a nice home in Watsonville. Mr. Biskup gives his undivided attention to his business, and the Austrian Benevolent Society is the only organization with which he is connected. He possesses that quality which has been termed "the commercial sense" and has improved his opportunities to the fullest extent. He has thoroughly identified his interests with those of his adopted country and in winning success he has at the same time gained the respect and confidence of his fellowmen, for his life has been guided by the Golden Rule.

LA VON E. GOTTFRIED.

La Von E. Gottfried, of the historic mission town of Carmel, is one to whom considerable credit is due for whatever of modern form and spirit now distinguishes the town. He is engaged in the general contracting business and at all times works to improve the appearance of the community as well as advance his own fortunes. He was born on a farm in Ohio, July 12, 1896. His father, Phillip Gottfried, was a farmer, and in the building of a home was ably assisted by his good wife, who, before her marriage was Miss V. B. Ritenour.

To the home inuences La Von E. Gottfried ascribes much of his later success in life. He was encouraged to attend not only the grammar but the high school of his locality, and then starting out in the business world, followed various lines in Oregon and Montana, being associated for some time with the Pacific Telephone Company. On June 27, 1917, he enlisted in the United States Army for service in the World war, and for two years, was a valued member of the Signal Corps, a year of this period having been passed, to his great advantage, in France, where he had charge of telephone and telegraph construction. In 1919 he was honorably discharged as a first lieutenant, after which he returned to California and his telephone work.

In the spring of 1920 Mr. Gottfried came to Carmel and engaged in the general contracting business requiring for his wider field a larger equipment and broader experience such as were his. He had learned carpentering and building in early manhood and had followed work of that kind successfully in Oregon and Montana. His experience, skill and reliable methods therefore secured him a liberal patronage when he became a general contractor and builder of Carmel, where he has erected many buildings, including the Theater of the Golden Bough, one of the most unique of all playhouses in California. Doing much of his own designing, Mr. Gottfried has built some of the finer residences in town, including the Kuster and Van Riper homes, on Carmel Point, the Gordon House on San Antonio street and the Ritchie and Kenney houses on Pebble Beach.

Mr. Gottfried was married to Miss Bonnie Hale, a native of Berkeley who had lived in Carmel since 1906, and they now have two children.

GEORGE P. BUTLER.

The spirit of enterprise and business discernment finds expression in George P. Butler, grower and shipper of fancy hothouse cucumbers, of 562 Ocean street, Santa Cruz. He was born in Surrey, England, April 24, 1877, a son of George and Eliza (Smith) Butler, the former a native of Rye, England, now deceased, while the latter was born in the world's metropolis, London, and is still living. George Butler, Sr., was a grower of cucumbers under glass in England, where as a boy of ten years George P. Butler of this review started to experiment with some planted seed in a small bed covered with window-pane glass. In 1886, he came to the United States, crossed the continent to California, and located at Florim, Sacramento county, where he engaged for eight years in growing cucumbers and fruit. In 1904 he came to

Santa Cruz and here on a small scale, he resumed the growing of cucumbers under glass on the Major property, later moving to Ocean street acreage.

This interesting unique business which was thus started in a small way, and with little capital, some twenty years ago, has grown to be one of the largest enterprises in Santa Cruz. Mr. Butler now has a plant worth seventy-five thousand dollars, and under his able management the trade has steadily developed. Cucumbers known as the "Evergreen Brand" are grown under glass from the first of November to the end of July, and nearly all of the money derived from the sale of the products comes from outside of Santa Cruz, thus bringing to the city a substantial financial asset. The hot houses cover two and one-half acres of land, and the business is the largest cucumber-growing enterprise in the state. Concrete beds are used and manure is used as fertilizer. Hot water, piped throughout all the houses, is used for heat, as a temperature of seventy-five degrees is necessary for the growth of the vegetables. Four boilers and oil burners are used, and there are ventilators in the roof, to temper the heat and give cold air, which is necessary in the growing. The cucumbers are picked every other day, and are of uniform size. They are packed in pine-boxes, two and one-half dozen to the box, which is standard size, and the boxes are lined with paper. The shooks for making the boxes are bought in carload lots, and the boxes are put together here. Cucumbers will keep their color and freshness three weeks after picking and this enables Mr. Butler to ship his products all over the coast and as far north as Alaska. From six to seven thousand dozen are grown by Mr. Butler each season, so that the business is now one of large volume.

He also grows Kentucky Wonder string beans under glass for winter consumption, the shipments starting in January; these are a great luxury, and are sold at retail in San Francisco stores at one dollar and twenty-five cents per pound. He has recently begun the growing of cultured mushrooms and thus his business is becoming more and more varied and important.

At San Francisco, in the year of 1921, Mr. Butler and Miss Mary Nugent were married, the bride being a favorite in the social circles of Vallejo, where she was born. One daughter, Geraldine, has blessed this union.

ALEX RICHARD UNDERWOOD.

Alex Richard Underwood, proprietor of the old Central Hotel in Monterey, now operated as the Underwood Hotel, and one of the best known men in western California, is a native son of California and has been a resident of this state all his life, a continuous resident of Monterey for the past quarter of a century.

He was born on the great Chupinos ranch, then owned by his father, in the vicinity of Monterey, February 7, 1862, and is a son of Charles and Catherine (Armstrong) Underwood, the latter of whom was a native of Ireland, and they were married in California in 1856. Mrs. Underwood, one of California's stanch pioneer mothers, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Margaret J. Brown, in San Francisco, in June, 1911.

The late Charles Underwood, founder of the Central Hotel in Monterey and formerly and for many years largely engaged in ranching and in the Hereford breeding industry in Monterey county, was a native of Schoharie county, in the beautiful valley of the Mohawk in New York state, born in 1828, and in the early '50s of the past century he left the sea, which he had been following as a sailor "before the mast", and became a resident of California, where he spent the remainder of his life, for years one of the leading factors in the development of Monterey county, as is set out elsewhere in this work, together with a personal and informative biography of that interesting figure in the early life of Monterey and vicinity. Of the children born to him and his wife two are living: Alex Richard; and Mrs. Margaret J. Brown, now living in San Francisco, who still has considerable property interests in Monterey. Mrs. Brown has two sons, Waldo E. and Charles M. Brown, who are well known to the golf fraternity.

The ranch on which Alex Richard Underwood was born then was a part of the old Spanish grant Tulocitos and is now known as the Chupinos ranch, eighteen miles

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southeast of Monterey, on what may be regarded as the headwaters of the Carmel river, and he was the first white child born in what is now Monterey county outside the Monterey settlement. His father was a half owner of the great Chupinos ranch and Alex Richard Underwood was reared there, taking an active part in the development of the place and remaining there until he was nearly thirty years of age. Charles Underwood had come into the Monterey country in the late '50s and was thereafter until his death one of the active factors in the development of this county. In that connection, there is a mighty good story, for Charles Underwood's vigorous action in asserting his right to his lands as opposed to the claims set up by interests representing claimants under the old Spanish land grants, led to that long train of lawsuits which eventually established the system of land distribution adopted by the United States government under its preëmption and homestead laws and broke up forever the visionary pretensions held by those claiming under the old Spanish grants, and fixing forever in this state the rights of those holding under the American system.

When Charles Underwood came into the Monterey country he engaged in sheep raising on what then was a practically open range, for the vast domain hereabout now covered by prosperous ranches was then almost wholly unsettled and was under practically no agricultural cultivation. This open range offered exceptionally fine grazing opportunities and Mr. Underwood's flocks waxed and replenished until at the height of his operations along that line he was the owner of no fewer than twelve thousand sheep and his operations gave employment to many persons on the ranch. It was when his flocks began to multiply that Charles Underwood began to reach out for additional grazing lands and it was then that the trouble began. While thus questing he entered upon the lands then occupied by one Miguel Allen, under the terms of the old Corral de Tierra Spanish land grant and it was in the resultant dispute over the occupancy of these lands that the historic lawsuits above mentioned arose and the rights of the American claimants were effectually and for all time established. Incidentally and as a matter of interesting information for the present generation, Alex Richard Underwood, then but a lad, was the almost constant companion of his father on the latter's rides over the country and he has a very vivid recollection of the stirring incidents that arose in connection with the situation thus developed, and when in a reminiscent mood has some good stories to tell in that relation.

It was in 1865 that Charles Underwood effected an arrangement with Miguel Allen whereby the latter agreed to the Underwood occupancy of this land for grazing and for the erection of shearing sheds and such other purposes as might be necessary in the operations of the pioneer sheep man. In extending his operations Mr. Underwood had located a half dozen or more camps on these lands, each camp carrying from one thousand to two thousand sheep, both old and young, and segregated accordingly. When the shearing season came on he was approached by one William Laporte, at that time occupying what now is known as the Calera ranch and who demanded the immediate termination of the Underwood operations on these lands, Laporte claiming proprietary rights in the domain under the terms of the old Spanish grants. Laporte was accompanied by several renters to whom he had given grazing rights for dairy purposes and his demands were made in peremptory terms. Mr. Underwood was a bit surprised, as he was peacefully pursuing his operations under the Allen concession, and he firmly but courteously and after the manner of the best California tradition gave Laporte to understand that his demand was ridiculous and would not be heeded. Laporte angrily gave Underwood a time limit of twenty-four hours in which to move his herds and herdsmen, notwithstanding the fact that shearing then was going on. By this time Mr. Underwood's courtesy had begun to be pretty severely taxed and in equally certain terms he told Laporte to return at the end of the year and he would still find the Underwood operations going on, and as he had a superior force behind him the Spanish claimant was forced to withdraw discomfited.

At the end of the shearing Mr. Underwood took the stage for San Francisco to market his clip and while there sought the legal advice of that sterling old law firm of Mullen & Hyde, a firm that was in possession of all the facts pertaining to the Spanish land grants, and he was there informed that there was no legal basis to these Spanish claims, and that any such pretensions as that advanced by the man Laporte had no standing whatever. By this law firm Mr. Underwood was advised immediately to take

advantage of the homestead and preemption rights in open lands accorded under the laws of the United States and also to take such advantage as might be possible through the purchase of school and railroad lands in the disputed territory and under the terms of the recent survey made in behalf of those sections of the public domain. Following this good advice Mr. Underwood filed a preemption right on one of the quarter sections in question and his boon companion and comrade of years standing, Alex Matthews, filed on an adjacent quarter. Under the homestead law they then secured themselves in possession of the other half of the disputed section.

When final proof of these homestead rights was filed the contest was opened and the long-drawn-out litigation began, a contest that was carried through the courts and through the general land office, engaging the attention of the United States department of the interior during both the Grant and the Hayes administrations. During this long period of unsettled conditions with respect to his titles Mr. Underwood made three trips to Washington and as a sort of general representative of many other settlers who were facing similar disputes, rendered a service in behalf of the general public that fixes his name indelibly in the annals of California, for, as noted above, this contest which he so vigorously carried on ultimately resulted in the irrevocable establishment of the rights of the homesteaders. Meanwhile, the sturdy pioneer was continuing his operations on his great sheep ranch and was locating settlers on his lands, placing them in charge of his various flocks, and in this way was doing much to advance the development of the region in which he had located, and was thus engaged until 1873, when he closed out his sheep interests to advantage and became engaged in the lumber business in Monterey. His title to his lands was affirmed in 1876 and the patents in the next year were signed by Rutherford B. Hayes, president of the United States.

It now is doubly interesting to recall that during the time of this long-drawn-out contest Mr. Underwood's life frequently was threatened and on several distinct occasions attempts were made by apparent hireling assassins to put him out of the way, but he managed to circumvent his enemies on every turn. One of the weapons of the other side was a resort to the boycott to hamper his operations and he presently found himself unable to secure lumber in the existing lumber markets of this region. Several times offers were made to him to settle on a cash basis, these overtures beginning with an offer of five hundred dollars for his withdrawal from the contest. This of course was laughed at. These offers gradually were increased until the other side was offering money up in the thousands but Mr. Underwood spurned them all, stoutly declaring that there was too much then at stake and that the interests of too many persons by that time had become involved in the paramount right to peaceful possessions of their lands. When he found he could not get lumber in the open markets he bought the steam schooner Pioneer, plying the waters of the bay between Monterey and Santa Cruz, and bought lumber from the mills, landing the same at Monterey, where he opened a lumberyard, in which he sold lumber at a rate lower than that of his competitors, broke the boycott and enabled the settlers on Corral de Tierra to put up homes. In 1884 Charles Underwood retired from his farming operations and took over the old Central Hotel in Monterey, which he operated for several years thereafter or until his retirement in the early '90s. His death occurred at the residence of his son Alex R. in Monterey in 1904.

The boyhood of Alex Richard Underwood was spent on his father's ranch in the neighborhood of Monterey and his early education was received in the schools of that ambitiously struggling little city. When he was thirteen years of age (in 1875) his father sent him to the University of the Pacific at Santa Clara, a Methodist institution which later came to be known as the College of the Pacific and was moved to Stockton, where it now is being carried on. In the next year (1876) he entered the old Vinson Haller Business College, known as the San Jose Institute and Business College, and later went to San Francisco, where he was for a year in attendance at the Lincoln grammar school, in the following year returning to the home ranch to take part in its management and also to help in the care of his invalid sister, Mary, who died in that year. Mr. Underwood later took further studies in San Jose and presently entered the Garden City Commercial College, from which he was graduated in 1882. Two years later, in 1884, when his father retired from the ranch, he continued to carry on the operations of the place and was thus engaged until in the

spring of 1891, when he retired from the farm on account of ill health. In the fall of that year he was married and for some time thereafter he and his wife made their home in San Francisco. In the meantime Mr. Underwood had been taking an active interest in the political affairs of the state, attending the conventions of his party, and had acquired a wide acquaintance in state political circles. Through this connection Mr. Underwood received an appointment, at the request of Governor Markham, to the commissary department of the newly established hospital for the insane at Agnew, under the administration and executive direction of the late Dr. Hatch, who later became the general superintendent of all the hospitals for the insane in California and who died in 1924.

Mr. Underwood continued his connection with the affairs of the hospital for the insane until his resignation on March 1, 1900, when he resigned that position in order to return to Monterey to take over from his father and mother the cares incident to the management of the old Central Hotel, and he ever since has been engaged in the hotel business in that city. This hotel was established in 1868 and is said to be the oldest hotel in continuous operation in western California, south of Sacramento. In 1911 Mr. Underwood had the old hotel building torn down and on January 1, 1912, let the contract for the erection of a new steel and brick structure, which was erected along strictly modern lines at a cost of many thousands of dollars and which under the management of Mr. Underwood and his wife has since been very successfully doing business as the Underwood Hotel, this name for this popular hostelry having been adopted by Mr. Underwood in memory of the enterprise of his pioneer parents who are now sleeping in the little cemetery alongside the home they loved so well.

Mr. Underwood is a republican, as was his father, the latter for many years having been regarded as one of the leaders of that party in this section of the state, and he has ever taken a good citizen's interest in local civic affairs. In 1908 he was appointed foreman of the grand jury to support Superior Judge B. V. Sargeant and filled that position with wisdom and impartiality. Mr. Underwood has been a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West since 1885 and a member of the Masonic order since 1895, in which he has attained to the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite. He is a charter member of the local lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and is also affiliated with the Order of Foresters. Through his efforts the grand council of the Improved Order of Red Men was brought to Monterey in 1908. Mr. Underwood has been a witness to and a participant in the amazing development that has taken place in and about Monterey since the days of his boyhood and he has many interesting tales to tell in that connection. In common with many of the native sons of his generation in California he had as a child his Indian "mammy" and he has always had the friendship and esteem of his old Indian neighbors.

It was on November 26, 1891, in Santa Clara county, that Alex R. Underwood was united in marriage to Miss Julie E. Carter, who has long been an active and influential factor in the management of the Underwood Hotel. Mrs. Underwood is a daughter of Rinaldo S. Carter, one of the pioneers of California, who was for years actively and successfully engaged in operations as a building contractor in Santa Clara county. For more than twenty years Mrs. Underwood has been the local correspondent at Monterey for the San Jose Mercury Herald and is widely known hereabout by reason of that connection. On the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of her connection with newspaper work she and Mr. Underwood entertained at dinner in San Jose the executive heads and chiefs of staff of the Mercury Herald, on the evening of February 9, 1925, and the occasion was made one of much felicitation and congratulation. As the Mercury Herald pointed out in its felicitous account of the delightful social affair, the dinner "was given a triple significance by virtue of the fact that both Mr. Underwood and Mr. Johnston (managing editor of the newspaper) have birthdays during the month, and each was the recipient of an appropriate token, together with the congratulations and well wishes of those present."

"To the hostess, whose animation and radiant charm entirely belied the implication of the anniversary she was celebrating," continued this newspaper account of the dinner, "the guests showed their affectionate esteem in a cluster of twenty deep-red roses, one for each year, signifying, in the words of Amanda M. Miller, who

made the presentation, the love of the givers for Mrs. Underwood and the latter's unswerving loyalty during her long period of faithful service. Mrs. Underwood's response was characteristically gracious: 'As I look into the depths of these beautiful flowers I seem to see the faces of my friends, each one reflecting a heart full of love, for without love there could be no such fellowship as I see there.' Turning to Mr. Hays (one of the publishers of the newspaper), she added: 'And as a toast to the owner of the Mercury Herald, may you enjoy eternal prosperity.' At the conclusion of the dinner, which was Lucullian in its quality and proportions, each successive course being a veritable triumph of the art de cuisine, several of those present delighted the company with reminiscences of their earlier associations, each, however, also taking occasion to pay a glowing tribute to the splendid qualities of the host and hostess." Among the numerous messages of congratulation received by Mrs. Underwood in this connection was one of a warmly felicitous tone from United States Senator Samuel M. Shortridge of California.

GEORGE F. STANLEY.

Prominent among the representatives of the bar of Santa Cruz, is Judge George F. Stanley, who as lawyer and police judge is well-known. He was born in this city on the 4th of June, 1869—a fact that has given him a great advantage, for he has always been in close touch, understanding and sympathy with Californian institutions. His father was John R. Stanley, a native of Massachusetts, and he married Miss Mary O'Donnell, a daughter of green Erin's isle. Five children were born to the worthy couple and of this family, two are still living, Judge Stanley and his brother, John R. Stanley. The father came around the Horn in a whaling ship, in '49, and in the early '50s he came to Santa Cruz, whence he went into the mountains, where he ran a sawmill.

George F. Stanley, attended the public schools of Santa Cruz and Chestnut Woods Business College, from which he was graduated in 1883, and later he was first assistant professor in the same college. In 1886 he left Santa Cruz and went to Butte, Montana, to join the well known mining firm of Mantle & Warren, taking charge of their office work. Later, going to Bonner, in the same state, he conducted there both a hotel and store, in which he was successful.

Coming back to the coast, Judge Stanley was in the chief deputy county clerk's office at Seattle, Washington, and while there studied law. He was admitted to practice law in California, after which, in 1903, at Santa Cruz he began practice in which he ably continued until 1918, when he retired from private practice to become police judge of Santa Cruz. He has specialized in probate court practice and he still does some probate court work.

Judge Stanley has been long enough in Santa Cruz to have acquired a fund of first-hand anecdote about the past; and what he cannot tell of events hereabouts before and since the advent of the railway is hardly worth relating. Actuated by a high sense of honor and of justice, he has won creditable place at the bar and on the bench and as a citizen and public official his record is worthy of emulation.

FREDERICK C. FORBES.

For three generations the Forbes family has been intimately connected with the development of the country including Monterey county and the surrounding territory. J. Alonzo Forbes, the grandfather of Frederick, was a man of large mining and ranching interests in his day and was interested in various projects for the general welfare. Among other public-spirited actions he gave the land on which Santa Clara College now stands and otherwise assisted that institution in its infancy. His son, also named J. Alonzo, was born in Santa Clara, and grew to manhood on his father's ranch. Sometime in the '60s he purchased a ranch at Jolon and for years was considered one of the leading farmers of that section. His popularity with his neighbors is evi-

denced by the fact that he was justice of the peace for many years. While holding that office he studied law, was admitted to the bar and afterward engaged in the practice of that profession. He died in San Jose in 1922, in the seventy-fifth year of his age. He had married Assuncion Forbes, and they became the parents of eleven children: Maggie, Robert, Frederick, Amelia, Martha, Rebecca, James, Anna, Phoebe, Henrietta and Louis.

Frederick C. Forbes was born at the San Antonio Mission in Jolon in 1874, and has spent his life in Monterey county. He received a common school education and when he was old enough to ride a horse he began work for the neighboring ranchmen. He became an expert horseman and broke many horses to both saddle and harness. For a number of years after his marriage to Miss Clara Thompson of King City, in 1910, he was engaged in conducting a ranch at Jolon. He was also for several years the mail contractor on the star route between King City and Jolon. In the spring of 1921 he entered the employ of W. S. Luckett, a hotel proprietor in King City. With his characteristic perseverance Mr. Forbes learned the business during the next fourteen months and in June, 1922, bought out his employer. In connection with the hotel he conducts a soft drink and refreshment parlor, which is well patronized by the people of the town, as well as the hotel guests.

FRANK P. McFADDEN.

Frank P. McFadden, a prominent ranchman near Blanco and supervisor of District No. 2, Monterey county, was born March 17, 1871, a son of Charles and Sophia (Fabry) McFadden. The father was a native of Ireland and the mother a native of Germany. Both came to the United States as young people and were married in this country. Charles McFadden came to California and for some years was engaged in the sawmill business in Santa Cruz. Some time in the '60s he bought a ranch near Blanco and became one of the substantial citizens, active in local affairs, until his death at the age of sixty-seven years. His widow is still living.

Frank P. McFadden received a high school education and upon the death of his father assumed the management of the ranch until his marriage to Miss Mary B. Wallace on October 14, 1896. He then leased a ranch and went into business on his own account. His present leased ranch contains one hundred and seventy-five acres, well improved, one hundred and fifty acres of which are devoted to cultivation of sugar beets and the remainder to lettuce.

In 1918 Mr. McFadden was elected supervisor for a term of four years and in 1922 was reelected. He is and has been for years a member of the board of school trustees, is progressive and encourages the introduction of modern ideas into educational matters, as well as into his business. He is a democrat in politics and his fraternal relations are with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. McFadden has been twice married. In 1896 he was married to Miss Mary B. Wallace, who bore him six children: Lucile, Alice, Anna, Wallace, Katherine and Edward. Alice is a trained nurse in Watsonville. Mrs. McFadden passed away on May 26, 1915. In August, 1924, Mr. McFadden was married to Miss Frances Douglas, a daughter of G. M. Douglas of San Miguel. During the World war Mrs. McFadden served as trained nurse in the naval service and crossed the Atlantic ocean several times between the United States and France.

PETER J. STORM.

Peter J. Storm, a member of one of the honored pioneer families of Watsonville, is ably continuing the work begun by his father and ranks with the leading stock raisers of the Pajaro valley. He was born December 4, 1876, on the home ranch, and his parents, Christian F. and Laura (Anderson) Storm, were both natives of Denmark. The father was born in Schleswig-Holstein and was a son of Peter Storm,

who came to this section of the state in the late '50s. The latter engaged in farming near Watsonville and built the first bridge across the slough, at the foot of Walker street. Christian F. Storm came to Watsonville when eighteen years of age and also took up agricultural pursuits, later specializing in the raising of stock, in which he won a measure of success. He was an acknowledged leader in that field of activity and owned five thousand acres of grazing land, the greater part of which was situated in the mountainous district of San Benito county, while he also had holdings in Merced county. He passed away September 29, 1907, and the mother of our subject is also deceased. Of the children born to their union, three are now living, namely: Peter J., C. F. and James, all of whom were born on the home ranch, just north of Watsonville.

After completing his education Peter J. Storm joined his father in the stock-raising business, which he has made his life work, and years of experience and study have given him an expert knowledge of everything pertaining to this line of endeavor. He owns the grazing land which was formerly the property of his father. His land has been brought to a high state of development and is very productive. Mr. Storm has equipped his place with labor-saving devices and all modern improvements. He believes in scientific methods and has advanced the standards of farming and stock raising in this part of the state.

In April, 1903, Mr. Storm married Miss Margaret F. Conlan, one of Watsonville's native daughters. Her father was a pioneer stock raiser of the Pajaro valley and the owner of valuable real estate in Watsonville. Mr. and Mrs. Storm have a daughter, Frances, aged nineteen years. Mr. Storm is an indefatigable worker, reserving all of his energy for the conduct of his extensive affairs, and the only organization with which he is affiliated is Watsonville Parlor, No. 65, Native Sons of the Golden West. He is one of the progressive agriculturists who are the strength and hope of the state—men who bring to their work an intelligence and efficiency which constitute the basis of all success, and his record is a matter of pride to the residents of the community, who are thoroughly appreciative of his worth.

O. B. PETERSEN.

About seven and a half miles southwest of Soledad are the Paraiso Hot Springs, the history of which dates back to 1791. In that year King Carlos of Spain granted to the Mission la Soledad twenty acres of land including these springs. The priests of the mission established a health resort, to which they gave the name of Eternidad Paraiso, which means Eternal Paradise. Thus, for more than two centuries the healing waters of these springs have been used in the treatment of rheumatism, kidney and stomach troubles and other maladies.

O. B. Petersen, the present owner and manager of the springs, was born in Norway in 1864. He received a high school education in his native land and learned decorative painting before coming to the United States in 1883. His first year in this country was spent in New York city. He was then for eight years a machinist in the employ of the Baldwin Locomotive Works of Philadelphia. In 1893 he went to Chicago, where he established the Garfield Steam and Sulphur Baths, on Madison street. At first this was a "one man" concern, but as its merits became better known it developed into a large business. In 1919 he sold out this business and went to Nampa, Idaho, where he bought eighty acres of land and for the next two years he was actively employed in farming and dairying. While touring through California in 1921 he visited the Paraiso (Paradise) Hot Springs. Learning that the property could be purchased at what he regarded as a reasonable figure, he bought two hundred and thirty-seven acres of land, including the springs, and set to work to make improvements.

These springs are situated in a little valley on the eastern slope of the Santa Lucia mountains, at an elevation of one thousand four hundred feet, and under the present management have been widely advertised as a health resort. The baths are conducted according to the MacFadden and Battle Creek methods; electric current is supplied by the Coast Valley Electric Company, so that the buildings and grounds are well lighted; golf links and tennis courts have been constructed, plenty of game can

be found in the vicinity and many persons visit the springs purely for rest and recreation. Sulphur, sodium, arsenic, potassium, magnesium and iron are the principal medicinal ingredients as shown by analyses, and many physicians recommend the Paraiso Hot Springs to their patients. While in Chicago Mr. Petersen graduated in the Electric College of Physiological Therapeutics, giving him the degree of Doctor of Electrotherapy. The knowledge thus gained has been of great advantage to him since he came into possession of these healing waters. He has greatly improved the buildings, including a number of cottages, and has accommodations for one hundred and fifty people at a time.

Mr. Petersen is a Scottish Rite Mason, a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, an Elk and an Odd Fellow. In Philadelphia he married Miss Anna G. Johannesen and to them have been born four children. Thomas first graduated in chiropody in Chicago and later in chiropractic in the college at Portland, Oregon. He is now associated with his father, giving massage and chiropractic treatment at the springs. Like his father, he is a member of the Masonic fraternity. William B. passed through business college and is now in charge of the commissary department at the springs. He belongs to the Order of De Molay, a junior Masonic degree. Ogden B. is a student at the University of California at Berkeley, and Emily is a student in the Soledad high school.

JOHN H. HORSNYDER.

Associated with the historic past as the pioneer druggist of Santa Cruz, John H. Horsnyder knows almost everybody for miles around, and everybody knows, or ought to know him, while all who know him well esteem and honor him for his life and work. A native of the good old Buckeye state, he was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, January 20, 1857, and as a boy attended the excellent schools of that city. He was graduated from the Cincinnati College of Pharmacy as a member of the Class of '77, and worked as a prescription clerk and druggist in his native city for nine years. He was also for a time in New York city, so that he had a very fair idea of the larger centers of our country when he pushed on further west and located for a while at Leadville, Colorado.

There he established business for himself, but the climate did not agree with him and so he left that section of the country and came on to California. In 1881 he reached Santa Cruz, and soon afterward purchased his present place of business. This drug store had been started in 1878 by J. F. Cristal who sold it to Messrs. Huber & Champion, who conducted it only a few months, when they sold it to Mr. Horsnyder. Since that early period of the '80s he has been in the drug business, and continuously for forty-three years has been located on Pacific avenue. By his reliability, enterprise and progressive methods he has made a splendid record. For thirty-eight years he answered night calls and was at the beck and call of the public, but now his is the only drug store in Santa Cruz that closes at 6 p. m. He has always made a specialty of scientifically-considered, carefully put-up prescriptions, and has regular customers who have been with him for many years. Only those who have looked with deep regret upon the decadence of the modern American drugstore with all its trapperies and its varied stock, having nothing to do with drugs, will appreciate to the full such a standard, and thoroughly dependable house as that of John H. Horsnyder, the pioneer druggist.

Fraternally an Elk, Mr. Horsnyder belongs to Santa Cruz Lodge No. 824, and his many friends have long accorded him classification with the "best people on earth."

JOACHIM G. WEIDEMANN.

If long service in one position is a test of merit and trustworthiness, Joachim G. Weidemann has certainly stood the test. As manager of the Southern Pacific Milling Company at Bradley, California, he is, in point of service, the oldest of about thirty managers along the Coast Division, having occupied this place for thirty-six years. He was born in Norway, on April 10, 1857, and is a son of C. F. and Caroline (Telle-

sen) Weidemann. His father served for a long time in the Norwegian navy, then became an architect and spent the closing years of his life as a farmer.

Joachim G. Weidemann was reared on a farm until he reached his fourteenth year, when he took to the sea. During the next fifteen years he touched at all the principal ports of the world and met with many strange and interesting adventures. In 1886 he gave up his sailor's life to become an employe of the street railway company in San Francisco. In 1888 he came to Bradley and the next year was made manager of the Milling Company, and continues in that position. He is also the owner of an eighty-acre farm near Bradley.

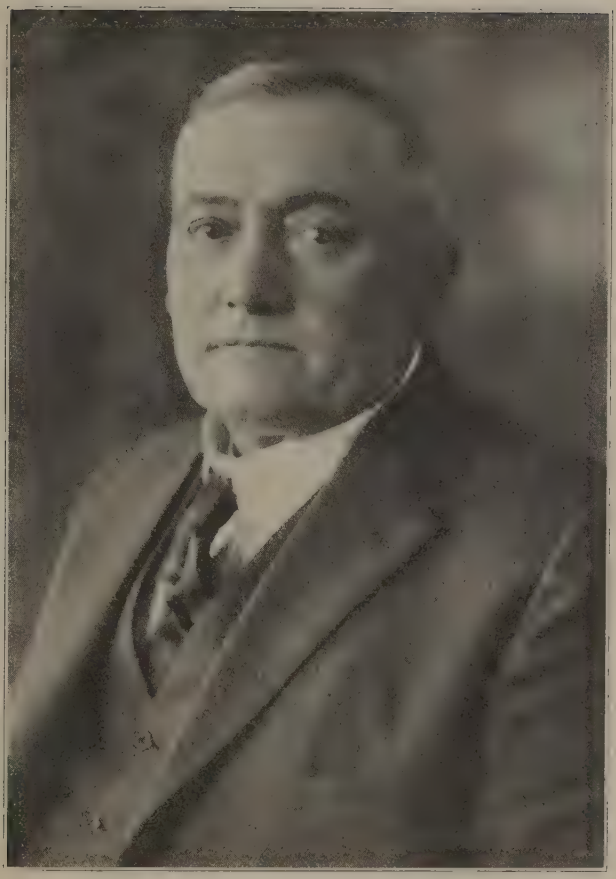
On October 15, 1889, Mr. Weidemann and Miss Clara Shedbolt were united in marriage. She was born near the city of Bristol, England, and came with her mother to America in early childhood. To Mr. and Mrs. Weidemann have been born a son and a daughter: Ralph G., and Dorothy C. The latter is now the wife of G. A. Wasson, assistant cashier of the King City branch of the Bank of Italy. During the World war he was a mechanician in the United States Aviation Corps and spent one year in France. Ralph is now in San Jose. He tried to enlist for service overseas, but being at that time under eighteen years of age was not accepted, much to his regret.

Mr. Weidemann is a Knight of Pythias and a past master of San Miguel Lodge, No. 285, F. & A. M. He is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and in these orders is popular because of his sterling worth and genial good fellowship. Mrs. Weidemann is a past worthy matron of San Miguel Chapter No. 102, Order of the Eastern Star. Politically Mr. Weidemann is a republican and while he takes a commendable interest in all public questions, he prefers running his mill to running for office.

JULIAN LAPORTE.

Julian Laporte, a well known and substantial dairyman and landowner living off the Beach road in the immediate vicinity of Watsonville, has developed a good piece of property there and is regarded as one of the progressive and dependable citizens of that community. Though not an American by birth he has been a resident of this country since the days of his young manhood and is as much an American in his feelings toward the glory and well being of this country as any can be and has done his part in local development work. In addition to his holdings in the neighborhood of Watsonville Mr. Laporte also has large land holdings in the neighboring county of San Benito and has the right to feel that in coming to this country he made a wise choice.

Mr. Laporte was born in France, September 18, 1861, and was there reared on a small farm, becoming thoroughly familiar with the details of farming on the intensive scale so essential to success in European countries where every foot of the land is compelled to give a proper account of itself and where the waste of productive land surfaces so common in this country is unknown. When nineteen years of age, in 1880, Mr. Laporte decided to come to the United States, feeling that here he would be able to find opportunities that probably would be denied him in his native land. Upon his arrival in this country he proceeded to California and at Gilroy in Santa Clara county became employed on a ranch and was thus engaged at that place until in 1884, when he bought a small place in the Hollister neighborhood in San Benito county and began operations on his own account, putting into practice the practical methods of California ranching he had learned in his Gilroy experiences. He did well there and remained at that place until in 1897, when he moved to the Watsonville neighborhood in Santa Cruz county and established his home on his present place off the Beach road, where he and his family now are very comfortably situated. Since taking up his residence here Mr. Laporte has given his chief attention to dairying. He has a fine dairy farm of one hundred and five acres and a well selected herd of about a half hundred milk cows, this herd being led by a registered Holstein bull. In addition to this dairy farm Mr. Laporte has retained his land holdings in San Benito county and now has fourteen hundred acres of grazing land there, on which he has a herd of around two hundred cattle, the operations of this range now being looked after by one of his sons.



JULIAN LAPORTE

On the 15th of June, 1887, while making his home in San Benito county, Julian Laporte was united in marriage to Miss Laura Ramonie of San Juan Bautista in that county, who has been to him a valuable helpmate in his dairying operations. They have six children, three of whom are still at home, helpful in the labors of the home place. Two of the sons of this family, Adolph and Emil Laporte, are veterans of the World war, the former having been under sailing orders for overseas service when the armistice was signed in the fall of 1918. Emil Laporte's service was rendered at Camp Lewis, where he was in training for field service when the war came to a close. Adolph Laporte is now giving his attention to the Laporte cattle range in San Benito county. Another son, Louis Laporte, is engaged in dairying. The daughters are: Genevieve, Adelle and Anita, the latter of whom married Carl Mill and is now living at Auburn in Placer county. Adelle Laporte married George Friermuth of Watsonville. Miss Genevieve Laporte is at home with her parents.

JAMES M. MITCHELL.

James M. Mitchell, of Monterey, is an enterprising automobile painter who has established a reputation for expertness and artistic taste that is a valuable asset in his business. He was born in Scotland, September 16, 1887, the son of John and Mary (Munroe) Mitchell, good old-fashiend folk who kept up the cheerful tradition of their native land. The father, who was a contractor and builder, died in October, 1924, but the mother is still living.

James M. Mitchell attended the schools of Scotland, and afterward was apprenticed for five years to learn the coach painters' trade. In 1907, he left the land of hills and heather for the United States and first went to Ohio, but afterward made his way to Detroit, where he worked for the Cadillac and the Packard automobile concerns. He next served overseas with the Canadian Kilties, and was in France for a year and a half, when in the trenches he was wounded and gassed, and then went to Calgary, Alberta, where he was discharged.

Returning to California Mr. Mitchell visited a brother at Eureka, after which he went on a visit to Oakland where he spent six months in an automobile painting shop. Removing to San Leandro, he there opened a shop, which he ran for a year and selling out, came to Monterey, where he again went into business for himself; while doing all the Hotel Del Monte trade, he is gradually building up a very desirable business, even enjoying an enviable patronage from San Francisco.

At Oakland, California, in the year 1920, Mr. Mitchell was married to Miss Minnie Warren, a native of that city, by whom he has a daughter, Evelyn Monroe, and a son, Marion Warren, who share with him his social life. He is the only Scotchman here who plays the pipes, and he teaches highland dances. He is fond of fishing and in politics is a good republican.

MICHAEL P. NIRICH.

Michael P. Nirich, chief of the Watsonville Fire Department, is doing valuable work for his city and displays rare qualities as a public official. He was born at Lead, South Dakota, March 26, 1890, and is a son of Paul P. and Lucille Nirich, natives of Dalmatia. In 1895 the family came to Watsonville, and the father embarked in the fruit-packing business, with which he was connected for many years, gaining a substantial competence which now enables him to live retired, but the mother is deceased.

Michael P. Nirich was but five years old when his parents came to this city and here he attended the public schools, continuing his studies in Notre Dame Academy of Watsonville soon after its establishment. He learned the plumber's trade while in the employ of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company and first acted as track walker between Santa Cruz and Watsonville, later filling the position of engine inspector. On severing his connection with that corporation he became agent in Watsonville for

beer and soda water and was engaged in that work for six years, or until the passage of the Volstead act.

Mr. Nirich enlisted in the Second California Infantry and was sent to the Mexican border on the expedition against Villa, being stationed at Nogales, Arizona. He reentered the service at the time of the World war and in August, 1918, went overseas with the One Hundred and Fifteenth Ammunition Train, attached to the Fortieth Division, but the armistice was signed before the division was called into active service.

After receiving his honorable discharge Mr. Nirich returned to Watsonville, where he engaged in business for a time, and in June, 1924, was appointed chief of the fire department. He had previously served in the Volunteer Fire Department for fifteen years, acquiring a detailed knowledge of the work, and by concentrated effort is bringing this branch of municipal service up to a high standard of efficiency. He is faithful to the trust reposed in him, for devotion to duty is one of his salient characteristics, and his work has met with widespread approval, being directed by loyalty and public spirit.

JOHN A. McGARRY, M. D. C.

An experienced veterinarian who has distinguished himself by his original and successful methods is Dr. John A. McGarry of 158 Front street, Santa Cruz. He is a native of Wisconsin, and was born at Milwaukee on February 7, 1876. He attended the public schools of that locality and then entered upon collegiate work, being graduated from the Chicago University as a member of the class of '96, when he received the coveted degree, M. D. C. While attending the University, he was a pitcher on the college baseball team and later, during 1896-97, was pitcher on the Pittsburg national baseball team.

Dr. McGarry then joined the army, as a veterinary surgeon for service in the Spanish-American war and had charge of the horses at Monatauk Point, Long Island. When hostilities were over he followed his profession in Milwaukee, where he was also a member of the city health department. In 1914, Dr. McGarry came to Santa Cruz, where he is still practicing, being also county quarantine officer of Santa Cruz county. He was very fortunate in his experience during the War with Spain when he was stationed at both Camp Douglass, Wisconsin, and Monatauk Point; and in this respect it is probable that the Doctor has an advantage over many colleagues who have had less varied experience.

Dr. McGarry has always taken active interest in athletic sports, and he was one of the organizers of the Santa Cruz Polo Team. As an Elk, he belongs to Lodge No. 824 at Santa Cruz. He has become widely and favorably known during his eleven years of practice in Santa Cruz and during this period has enjoyed a constantly increasing practice, while his skill and ability have gained him rank with the leaders of his profession in this part of the state.

PETER FERRANTE.

Peter Ferrante, wholesale dealer in fish, at 325 Van Buren street, Monterey, meeting with well deserved success, is a native of sunny Italy. He was born August 4, 1867, the son of Arisimo and Susan Ferrante, the former also a dealer in fish. Both parents are now deceased.

Because of financial conditions at home Peter Ferrante had to go to work at the extremely early age of four years, being apprenticed to the fish trade, which he has followed ever since. When twenty-two years of age, he crossed the Atlantic and ultimately reached California, although according to the custom of cooperation among the Italians, he took almost two years to work his way across the continent. He first located at Pittsburg, then called Black Diamond, and after a year he moved to San Francisco. There he made his home but every season followed fishing either in Alaska, Oregon or British Columbia. After nine years he returned to Italy, where he married,

and later came again to the new world, spending five years in Pittsburg. A fire made him lose all that he had acquired and in 1905 he came to Monterey.

Here he engaged in the fishing industry, at first hiring five men and having one sail boat, but now he has a force of twenty-four men working for him, and from a modest beginning has developed a large business, being the leading representative of the fishing industry here. Mr. Ferrante is the most successful of the local Italian colony, and he is a generous contributor to all civic undertakings properly endorsed. How able he is may be seen from the fact that, at the request of the famous Van Camps, the packers, he constructed a boat to hold the live bait that is required in the fishing for tuna, succeeding in solving the problem where others failed. The lower part of the boat he contrived, by the use of wire screen, to be below the water level, thus providing the live bait constantly with the fresh salt water they need.

Mr. Ferrante married Miss Rose Enea, and their children are: Susan; Mary, who has become Mrs. H. Coniglio; Frances, now Mrs. F. Ferranti; Angelia, Rose and Virginia. Mr. Ferrante is a republican in politics. He is fond of music and embraces the opportunity to hear the work of the best composers.

ED. J. TORRES.

Many of the most important positions in business circles of Watsonville are filled by young men, and their enterprise, sagacity and loyalty promise well for the future of the city. In this classification belongs Ed. J. Torres, who is manager of the Union Ice Company, and his success has resulted from hard work, devotion to duty and the ability to meet and master situations.

He was born October 8, 1897, in Monterey, in the county of that name, and is a scion of one of the oldest families of California. He is a son of Joseph and Mary (Diez) Torres, also natives of Monterey, and there he attended the grammar and high schools. After completing his education he became bookkeeper for the Independent Fish Company of Monterey and later entered the employ of the Union Ice Company of that city. He started as a driver of one of their wagons and utilized every opportunity to broaden his knowledge of the business, which he found much to his liking. As his experience increased he was advanced and in 1917 was sent by the company to Watsonville to take charge of their affairs in this locality. At that time the business was small and the ice was delivered by a horse-drawn wagon. Mr. Torres brought with him from Monterey a Ford truck and this was the first automobile truck used in Watsonville. Under his aggressive management the business has undergone a complete change and the trade has increased so rapidly that the company now requires five trucks for the delivery of ice to its customers. They recently built at Watsonville Junction a modern ice plant with a storage capacity of seven thousand tons and the first unit has facilities for manufacturing one hundred and twenty-five tons daily. It is one of the best equipped ice plants on the Pacific coast and a great asset to the business men of this locality.

Mr. Torres married Miss Mary Christianson, a native of Salinas, California, and they now have a daughter, Jean Marie. Mr. Torres is fully alive to conditions in the world of commerce and possesses the energy and resourcefulness necessary to cope with them, while his personality is one that inspires respect and confidence.

CHARLES O. GOOLD.

Among the most progressive leaders in the city council of Carmel-by-the-Sea and always interesting as a pioneer of the sort who contributed something definite in assisting California to emerge from her pioneer state, is Charles O. Goold, well-known banker, who was born on a farm in Henry county, Illinois, November 28, 1871, the son of Horace and Hannah (Gard) Goold, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of Ohio. Six children of their family are still living: Charles O.; J. R. of Morgan Hill, California; Ed O. of San Luis Obispo; Frank H. of Stockton and Mrs. Leo

Parnell and Mrs. Charles Leibhart, both of Stockton. The father who was a cabinet-maker by trade, settled on a farm in Hollister and he also became owner of a farm in the Santa Ana valley and one at Picenos, then in Monterey, now in San Benito county, and so it came about that Charles O. attended school at Picenos, pursuing the usual grammar school courses there.

In young manhood he took up commercial studies in a business college at Santa Cruz, and then worked on his father's farm, while later he engaged in farming for himself. In 1897 he came to Monterey and did teaming to and from the Sargeant Ravel, cutting wood and tanbark. After teaming for three years, he farmed in the Carmel valley which he had visited on picnic trips as early as 1884. In 1907 he located in Carmel and ran a livery stable, taking parties over the Seventeen Mile Drive with horses and carryalls, while now he utilizes automobiles for this purpose. He does local and long-distance hauling, and maintains special autos for trips through the valley. He also owns and conducts an auto-stage route from Monterey to Carmel and at the latter place he is agent for the Western Union Telegraph Company. He accords to his patrons the highest class service and all who patronize the Goold outfits speak of this in high terms. He also has other business connections. He was one of the organizers of the Bank of Carmel and is now vice president of that live and fast-growing institution.

Mr. Goold was married to Miss Mary Machado, a native of Carmel Mission; and they have two children. Kenneth, aged 18, who was graduated from the Monterey Union high school, with the class of 1924, and a daughter, Irene. Interested in politics and recognizing the duties and obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship, he is always ready to do his part for the public welfare; he was elected city trustee of Carmel in April, 1924, and since then has been made commissioner of streets. He is public-spirited to a high degree, and second to no one in his hearty support of whatever might prove to be best for Carmel.

RALPH THOMSEN.

A contractor whose success is the clearest evidence of his ability and worth is Ralph Thomsen, of 330 California street, Salinas, in which city, as well as in other parts of Monterey county, he has established for himself a reputation for dependability. He makes a specialty of interior and exterior decorating, is well-informed as to both the latest art standards and styles and the trade conditions, and he has original ideas that afford pleasure to those wishing for the best and also desiring the charm of the unusual, approved by the most discriminating taste.

Mr. Thomsen was born at Salinas, September 3, 1893, a son of James Peter and Anna M. (Michaelsen) Thomsen, both natives of Denmark, and the former now one of the great silent majority. The father learned the painter's trade in Denmark, and as a young journeyman traveled through Germany, France, and Italy, working at his trade. Some forty years ago, he crossed the great deep, made his way across the continent and settled at Watsonville. There and in nearby territory in Santa Cruz county, he plied his trade and after coming to Salinas he followed painting until his death ten years ago. He did expert carriage-work, lettered signs, and carried out house decoration, working on many of the old buildings still standing in Salinas, being one of the pioneers in his line hereabouts. He was a member of the Dania fraternity, and it goes without saying that no one found there a heartier welcome. Several children were born to him and his wife: Arnold and Ralph, both of Salinas; Mrs. Carl Nichols; Mrs. C. E. Lehman, of Hollister, and Mrs. L. H. Lambert of Santa Rosa.

Ralph Thomsen attended the public schools in Salinas, and then learned the painter's trade under the direction of his father. Nine years ago, he and his brother embarked in business together, and a year later, Ralph Thomsen took up contracting alone. He was successful from the first and up to two years ago had all that he could do in auto and house painting. Now, however, he confines his efforts to house decorating, and has done fine work of this character in the Dr. Rolin Reeves' residence, the Ross-Nissen dwelling, and the homes of M. M. Glickbarg, Robert Warnick, Paul

Parker, Cris Autsen and Dr. C. B. Othier, his handiwork also being seen in the Sam Klett Garage, the T. & D. Theater, the Cominos Hotel, all in Salinas, while in Gonzalez he also decorated the Alpine Hotel and a number of very fine residences. He belongs to Painters' Union, No. 1104, and is a member of the Monterey County Builders Association.

At Monterey, on the 21st of February, 1923, Mr. Thomsen was married to Miss Nell C. Keough, a native of San Francisco, and they have one child, Ralph W. By a former marriage Mr. Thomsen had two children: Thelma Maxine and Gladys Jean. Mr. Thomsen has always been a public-spirited man, desirous of contributing to the public weal. He is a member of the Salinas Fire Department and for five years he was a member of Troop C, California National Guard, in which he was quartermaster sergeant. He belongs to Santa Lucia Parlor, No. 97, of the Native Sons of the Golden West, and is also a member of the Woodmen of the World and Salinas Lodge, No. 614, B. P. O. E.

HUGH J. LEONARD.

A progressive man of valuable, practical experience and inspiring optimism is Hugh J. Leonard, the affable and popular secretary and manager of the People's Finance & Thrift Company of Santa Cruz. A native of Ireland, he was born October 21, 1885, and as early as 1898, made his first trip to America. Remaining only a year, however, he went back to Erin, to work there as a farmer. He also crossed over to Scotland, and for a while worked for wages in Glasgow.

Coming to the United States for the second time in 1906, he was for eighteen months in the employ of the B. F. Goodrich Company at Boston, Massachusetts, and in the fall of 1907, came west to California, settling at Santa Cruz. On February 1, 1910, he entered the employ of the Santa Cruz County National Bank and during his thirteen years there, first served as teller and then assistant cashier.

In June, 1923, anticipating the great need of such an institution for the encouragement of industry and savings as stepping-stones to sound prosperity, Mr. Leonard helped to organize the People's Finance & Thrift Company, of Santa Cruz, and was soon made both secretary and manager. This company transacts a general money-loaning business and expedites the accumulation of property and wealth of working people by assisting them to save and to pay debts by borrowing at low rates. It has a capital of fifty thousand dollars and the officers are: President, Dr. M. J. Gates; vice presidents, W. O. Kerrick, and C. C. Dake; secretary and manager, Hugh J. Leonard.

At San Rafael, California, in the year 1912, Mr. Leonard was married to Miss Grace O'Connor, a native of San Rafael, Marin county, and they have become parents of five children: Hugh J., Jr.; Michael Thomas, Patricia Aileen, William Francis and Shiela Ann. Mr. Leonard is a Knight of Columbus and he also belongs to Santa Cruz Lodge No. 824 of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

FRANK BRUNO.

Frank Bruno, who during the past eleven years has been accorded a profitable patronage as a dealer in cigars, and soft drinks in Monterey, has been honored with the presidency of the Americanization Society of the city and is indeed a loyal son of his adopted land. A native of Italy, he was born on the 17th of January, 1883, his parents being Vincento and Jennie Bruno. The father came to the United States and to California about the year 1880, locating first in Pittsburg. This place had been formerly known as Black Diamond and here it was that many fishermen from across the sea took up their abode on emigrating to America, fishing in the waters of the Sacramento river. Vincento Bruno later removed to Monterey and thence returned to Italy. The mother of Frank Bruno is deceased.

The early educational privileges which Frank Bruno enjoyed were afforded by the schools of his native Italy, where he spent the first twelve years of his life. In this country he studied diligently to perfect himself in the English language and he has

become a well informed man of broad general knowledge. For a number of years following his arrival in the United States he spent the summer months in Alaska, where he was engaged in the fishing industry, returning to California each year to pass the winter seasons in the city of Pittsburg. During the past eleven years, as above stated, he has engaged in the sale of cigars and soft drinks in Monterey and has built up a large and steady patronage that has insured his success.

In early manhood Mr. Bruno was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Lauro, of Italy. They are the parents of two daughters: Jennie and Rosalie.

Mr. Bruno gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is widely recognized as a public-spirited, enterprising and respected citizen. He has exerted a beneficial influence among the Italian-speaking people of his community, teaching them the principles of the American constitution and instilling in their minds high ideals of citizenship. Hunting and motoring afford him pleasurable recreation.

MATT J. McGOWAN.

Few men in the Watsonville neighborhood have a wider acquaintance than Matt J. McGowan, a substantial rancher in the Trafton district of the Pajaro valley, and few thereabout are held in higher regard, for his good works in the community have long established him as a real friend to all mankind. Many of the young men in the Watsonville community are proud to look upon Mr. McGowan as a typical "big brother" and his helping hand has been extended in many directions known only to those who have been the immediate beneficiaries of the help thus bestowed. At the time the movement for the erection of the new quarters of the Young Men's Christian Association in Watsonville was under way Mr. McGowan was the president of that useful organization and in the task of raising funds for this enterprise he was indeed a host within himself, rendering thus a service which has not been forgotten. For many years he has been one of the trustees of the congregation of the local Presbyterian church and has ever been regarded as one of the stanch and dependable leaders in local good works. He has been successful in his ranching operations and his activities have been extended usefully in other directions.

Matt J. McGowan is a native son of California and is a past president of Watsonville Parlor, No. 65, of the Native Sons of the Golden West in Watsonville, an organization in the affairs of which he has been a leader since the time of its inception. He was born in the Trafton district in Monterey county, in the near vicinity of the city of Watsonville, which lies over the line in Santa Cruz county, October 30, 1866, and is next to the last in order of birth of the six children born to John and Eliza (Jarvis) McGowan, pioneers of that district in the beautiful valley of the Pajaro, and concerning whom further and fitting mention is made elsewhere in this work. The other children of this family are: James, deceased; William J., a substantial rancher of the Trafton district, concerning whom further mention is made elsewhere; Sarah, wife of C. W. Seevers of Watsonville; Robert, who is now making his home in San Jose; and Hugh, who is now a resident of the city of Los Angeles.

Reared on the home ranch in the Trafton district, Matt J. McGowan has been a resident of that place all his life, save for a few years during which he made his home in Watsonville for the advantage of better schooling for his children and a season years ago spent in a commission house in San Francisco. Following his marriage when past twenty-five years of age Mr. McGowan began farming on his own account and is now the owner of a fine ranch of one hundred and fifty acres in the Pajaro valley, all but about thirty acres of which lies in the rich bottom lands. He is carrying on his operations there in strict accordance with modern methods of agriculture and horticulture and has an admirable farm plant, all the improvements being of modern type, substantial and serviceable. He has other interests of a profitable character and has long been looked upon as one of the substantial citizens of that community. Mr. McGowan is a member of the Masonic fraternity and is also affiliated with the Native Sons of the Golden West, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Woodmen of the World and has been a member of the board of directors of the local Y. M. C. A. ever since that organization was established at Watsonville.

He is a republican in politics. Mrs. McGowan also is a native of California and has served the local parlor of the Native Daughters of the Golden West as president and is active in the local Farm Bureau and the Woman's Club.

Mr. McGowan has been twice married. In 1892 he was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Thompson, who died in 1902, leaving four children: Alice, now living in Tazewell county, Virginia; Robert C.; John T.; and Jarvis McGowan. The last named is at home, an able assistant to his father in the operations of the ranch. Robert C. McGowan and John T. McGowan, twin sons of Mr. McGowan, are both veterans of the World war, with overseas records, the former having served in the light artillery in France, during which he had a part in the memorable drive in the Argonne forest and was later a member of the Army of Occupation on the Rhine; the latter rendered service with the army in Hawaii, where he now is making his home, employed in the service of the Standard Oil Company. Robert C. McGowan is engaged in the lumber business in San Jose. In 1905 Matt J. McGowan was married to Miss Jessie Ryason of Watsonville and they have a very pleasant home in the valley.

MILTON W. AUSTIN.

Milton W. Austin is proprietor of the Austin Drug Store of Salinas, his experience, enterprise and desire to please, as well as the fact that he carries a complete stock, have made the place the preferred headquarters for many.

Mr. Austin is a native of Salinas, having been born here August 6, 1900, and has grown up in the spirit of the town and county. His parents were Horace W. and Carlotta (Smith) Austin and the paternal grandfather was Amos Austin, a railroad engineer who resided in Salinas and in later years located in Los Angeles, where he engaged in general contracting, building roads and highways. The father came from the province of Quebec, where he was born August 6, 1870, and he passed away March 4, 1922. Coming to Salinas a poor boy, he worked at odd jobs to make a living, and found employment in J. B. Scott's drug store at one dollar and fifty cents per week. For thirty-five years he was identified with the drug trade in Salinas, and in time purchased the Scott drug store, being the proprietor thereof during the last ten years of his life. Mrs. Austin is a native of Santa Barbara, and a descendant of one of the pioneer Spanish families that figured in the early history of the state.

Milton W. Austin, the only child of these worthy parents, attended the grammar and high schools of Salinas, and then matriculated at the University of California, where he entered both the College of Pharmacy and the College of Physicians and Surgeons. So successful was he with the admittedly stiff courses in these standard institutions that he was able, on February 9, 1922, to pass examinations of the state board of pharmacy; and since then, to his own advancement and the benefit of the community in which he has cast his lot, he has conducted a first-class drug business in Salinas.

On April 26, 1924, Mr. Austin was married to Miss Margaret A. Storm, and they are well known in Salinas, where their circle of friends is constantly expanding.

PETER SAGER.

Among the citizens of foreign nationality whose enterprise, ability and public spirit are essential to Watsonville's progress and prosperity is numbered Peter Sager, who has served for several years on the board of aldermen and is also a successful business man. He was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, under the Danish flag, on the 23d of July, 1864, and in Glucksberg learned the blacksmith's trade. He served for three years in the German army as a member of a company of field artillery and in 1892, when twenty-eight years of age, arrived in San Francisco, California. From May to September of that year Mr. Sager worked at his trade

in that city as an employe of the Western Sugar Refining Company, and then came to Watsonville, securing a position in the Hobson blacksmith shop. In 1903 he purchased the business in partnership with A. O. Cox, who became the senior member of the firm, and this relationship has since been maintained with mutual advantage. Their shop, situated at No. 170 Main street, is well patronized, for both are expert workmen and thoroughly reliable in all matters of business.

Mr. Sager holds to high ideals in relation to the duties of citizenship, and his identification with public affairs forms one of the chief interests of his life. He was elected alderman of his city in 1913, filling the office for four years, and during that period much constructive work was accomplished. A large amount of street paving was done, sewers were excavated and needed improvements were made in the fire department. It was during this time that the concrete bridge was built across the river and Mr. Sager's name, together with those of the other members of the board, is inscribed on the copper plate on that structure. In 1921 he was returned to the office, which he is still filling, and his work in this connection has won for him high encomiums, being characterized by a public-spirited devotion to the general good. He is also one of the energetic workers in the Chamber of Commerce and loses no opportunity to "boost" his city, which he regards as an ideal place of residence. He is an Odd Fellow in high standing and a past captain of the canton.

Mr. Sager was married in Germany in 1890 to Miss Annie Feddersen who was born in that country, and they have become the parents of four children: Arnold, who is engaged in merchandising; Irene, teller in the Pajaros Valley National Bank; Harry, who assists his father in business; and Margaret, who is employed by the Juillard-Cockcuft Company, wholesale grocers of Watsonville. Mr. Sager's devotion to duty, his business probity and his loyalty to his adopted city are well known to every resident of Watsonville and have met with a rich return of personal regard.

CHARLES W. ROWE.

Among the men now dwelling in the pleasant "evening time" of their lives who have watched the development of this region from the days of the early settlers there are few perhaps who have more vivid recollections of the "days of old" hereabout than has Charles W. Rowe, one of the veteran ranchers and landowners of the beautiful valley of the Pajaro at the jointure of the three counties in the vicinity of Watsonville. His father was one of the first settlers in that valley, and he was born there almost seventy years ago and has always made his home there. He thus has seen this region develop from its primal wilderness state to its present high state of development and has some mighty interesting tales to tell when in a reminiscent mood of the days that have long gone by.

Charles W. Rowe was born on a pioneer ranch in the immediate vicinity of the place on which he now lives at the junction of the Watsonville-San Juan and Prunedale roads just out of Watsonville in the year 1858 and is the third in order of birth of the eleven children born to William Henry and Rhoda A. (McFarland) Rowe, the latter of whom was born and reared in the state of Missouri. In the days of the early excitement over the discovery of gold in this state she had joined her brother in the long and wearisome journey with a caravan starting out of Missouri for the gold fields and had thus come to this state along with the pioneers. Her brother died not long after their arrival in California, leaving her alone so far as kinsfolk were concerned. Not long afterward she met and married William Henry Rowe and presently the two established their home in the Pajaro valley, where they spent the remainder of their lives, honored and influential pioneers, her death occurring there in 1881.

William Henry Rowe, who in his generation was one of the leading citizens of the Watsonville neighborhood, was by birth an Englishman. When fourteen years of age he became a sailor and for some years thereafter sailed the seven seas. The first trip that brought him into the port of San Francisco following the discovery of gold in this state in 1848 was his last trip, for in common with many sailors of that period he straightway deserted the ship and struck out for the mines. He had varying success as a miner but liked the country well enough to become a permanent resident

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and after his marriage to Rhoda McFarland he established his home on a small tract of land he had bought in the Pajaro valley adjacent to a settlement which had been effected there by a trader who had set up a small store and had named his location Pajaro. It was in the year 1853 that William Henry Rowe and his wife settled there and Watsonville had not then found a place on the map. Having grown up on the sea William Henry Rowe knew nothing about farming but he had strong hands and a willing heart and he set about making a clearing in the bottoms and getting his tract in arable shape. His young wife, however, had been brought up on a Missouri farm and knew how to get things started in a farming way. While he was clearing his place she was looking after the cows and the garden and by the sale of milk and vegetables was able to contribute considerably to the upkeep. Before long Mr. Rowe succeeded as a rancher and about 1860 began adding to his property, in time becoming one of the most substantial landholders in the locality. At the time of his death he was the owner of no less than twelve hundred acres of land, the greater part of which was rich bottom land. He died in 1893, he then being sixty-three years of age,and his estate at that time was rated at about a quarter of a million dollars.

Reared on the home place in the Pajaro valley in the neighborhood of Watsonville, Charles W. Rowe received his early education in the local schools, supplementing this by private instruction in commercial forms, and he remained on the home farm until his marriage at the age of twenty-two, when he began ranching on his own account, giving his particular attention to vegetables and fruit. He has ever since been thus engaged, being now the proprietor of a fine ranch of two hundred and thirty acres of as good bottom land as lies hereabout. He has one hundred acres devoted to fruit. In addition to his land holdings Mr. Rowe has other interests of a substantial character, including his ownership of the handsome C. W. Rowe apartment building at Watsonville. His present home on the Monterey county side, where he and his wife are very pleasantly and very comfortably situated, is a handsome modern bungalow at the intersection of the Watsonville-San Juan highway with the Prunedale road. Mr. Rowe is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is also affiliated with the Woodmen of the World and with the Brotherhood of America.

It was on the 7th of November, 1880, on a neighboring farm, that Charles W. Rowe was united in marriage to Miss Mary Beer, who like himself was born in that same neighborhood, a member of one of the real pioneer families there. Mrs. Rowe is a daughter of Carl Beer, a native of Iowa, who had come to California in the days of the argonauts and who at the mines had become acquainted with William Henry Rowe, an acquaintanceship which held so firm that he decided to become a settler in the Pajaro valley at the time his friend located here in the early '50s, and the Rowes and the Beers thus became neighbors in their pioneer environment. To Mr. and Mrs. Rowe five children have been born, three of whom died in infancy, the survivors being two daughters: Lorena, wife of C. C. Hockabout, a well known rancher of the Watsonville neighborhood; and Myrtle, wife of H. C. Chapman, manager of the Corralitos Fruit Company of Watsonville. Mr. and Mrs. Rowe are affiliated with the Christian church.

O. G. LANNON, D. C.

More to be prized than the lucrative practice with which he has from the start been favored, is the enviable status scientifically of Dr. O. G. Lannon, one of the most progressive representatives of Twentieth Century healing, and in this respect he reflects credit on both the state of his adoption and the city of his birth, Pueblo, Colorado, where he first saw the light on January 9, 1891. He is a son of F. P. and Lucy (Gingell) Lannon, the former a member of the state utility commission of Colorado. Both parents are still living, in the enjoyment of that esteem and good will certain to come to all who faithfully pursue their lines of duty in their day and so work for others of their generation as well as for themselves.

Fortunate in his preparation in the grammar and high schools of Pueblo, Dr. Lannon matriculated at the University of Southern California and from there passed to the Palmer School of Chiropractic at Davenport, Iowa, determined to practice

along that line as his life work. He was duly graduated in 1911 and for five years he practiced where he had been best known, at Pueblo, thus meeting one of the severest and surest tests any man can apply, of starting in his home town. Coming still further west, to California, he opened an office in Fresno and later in Oakland. In 1921 he selected Monterey as the ideal city of residence and professional activity, and here, with well-appointed offices in the Goldstine Building, he has been more than ordinarily successful.

Dr. Lannon was married to Miss Ruth Hitchcock, a native daughter of Tulare, and she shares her husband's popularity. As for out-o'-door life and its peculiar and never-failing attractions, Dr. Lannon likes fishing—far more than the finny fish like the Doctor and his certain casting with the rod. In politics he is a republican. He has become deeply interested in both the city and the county, and city and county are interested, naturally, in him.

PEOPLE'S FINANCE & THRIFT COMPANY.

Eminently deserving of public interest and confidence, and, therefore, most naturally in the enjoyment of substantial prosperity is the People's Finance & Thrift Company, of Santa Cruz, with headquarters at 3 Locust Street. It is incorporated under the laws of the state of California, and received its charter May 31, 1923. It offers a thoroughly commendable proposition usually netting high returns to far-sighted business and professional men who will organize—with sufficient and proper aid,—a company locally owned, locally managed and locally controlled. It operates according to the Wimsett system and has a capital of fully fifty thousand dollars.

The story of the People's Finance & Thrift Company recalls the most interesting incidents as to the origin of industrial banking in America and elsewhere. About seventy years ago there was inaugurated in some of the European countries a specialized phase of banking designed to meet the needs of the wage earners, salaried persons and others not having the usual banking and borrowing facilities. These institutions, variously called Industrial Banks, People's Banks, Thrift Banks, and Workingmen's Bureaus, have met with great success. In an article in the American Review of Reviews, for example, in the January, 1920, number, written by W. F. McCaleb, entitled, "People's Banks: A new Era in American Economic History, there are some interesting facts concerning these institutions. He says: "As a partial measure of their success, it is stated that in 1910 there were in Europe sixty-five thousand of these institutions, with an annual overturn of seven million dollars."

It is an historical fact that America, the nation in which political liberty has reached the highest development, has failed to fully develop economic liberty in so far as financial facilities for the non-propertied classes are concerned. Until within recent years, the man without property, no matter how good his character, or how great his earning capacity, had no business credit; whatever credit was extended him was given as a personal favor. He could cast his ballot, but he could not borrow money without paying the unscrupulous money-lender a ruinous rate of interest; or by applying to a charitable agency at the sacrifice of self-respect.

Under our present banking regulations, the man without collateral cannot borrow from our commercial banks, and, without the aid of institutions such as ours, he has no recourse except to borrow at a ruinous interest rate. In spite of laws on our statute books, high rate money lenders thrive by reason of the sterner law of necessity. It is obvious to those who study the situation from a humanitarian standpoint that the only means of relief is to establish and operate a system under which the profits of the business will be reduced to the standard of commercial banking.

The People's Finance & Thrift Company was organized in Santa Cruz for the purpose of meeting the demands of these people, and it will always be the Company's endeavor, in addition to meeting their financial needs in loans, to mediate the spirit of thrift by teaching them to save as well as to borrow and repay. The self-respecting man with moderate regular income from salary or wages, who can borrow in his own name,—without appeal to the semi-charitable loan associations, and without

becoming entangled in the clutches of a high-rate money lender,—is a strong constructive force in any community.

Statistics show that approximately only six per cent. of the population of the United States are served by commercial banks, while 18 per cent. would be possible patrons of the People's Finance & Thrift Companies. The great mass of dependable wage earners and salaried people—those who have permanent employment—are the unlimited field of these companies in every community.

The easiest way to pay off a debt is by systematic weekly or monthly payments—which is also the surest way. This method keeps us in close touch with our borrowers.

The Peoples Finance & Thrift Companies make small loans, twenty-five to one hundred dollars, at reasonable rates, to those who are proven, by thorough investigation by the local credit association, to be of good character and industrious habits, and hence worthy of trust, and who can also secure two equally dependable endorsers on their notes. No property or other collateral is required as security. Loans are made in accordance with the borrowers' income, and repaid on the easy installment plan, avoiding the danger of over-borrowing. Character is always a safe basis for loans. In the year 1922 more than one hundred million dollars was loaned on this plan in the United States to wage earners. Character, plus earning power, forms a proper basis of credit, and the system of the People's Finance & Thrift Company proves a valuable community asset, a benefit to the merchant, and a benefit to the banks. The numerous institutions operating under the Wimsett System are meeting with uniform success in both large and small cities, and this is proven by the enthusiasm of the satisfied stockholders.

Under the Wimsett System, each company established in the various cities is a complete and self-governing unit, operating independently under the charter issued by the state in which it conducts its business. The preliminary survey, which constitutes the initial step in opening each of these institutions, is of supreme importance, and is paramount to securing their successful operation when once organized. This survey is credited, to a great extent, with the usual success of these institutions under the Wimsett System, as it is possible thereby to select the best and most reliable business and professional men in each community, as the organizers, officers, directors and advisory board, and by their selection the leading citizens are put on a preferred list as prospective shareholders.

The officers of the Peoples Finance & Thrift Company of Santa Cruz County are: president—Dr. M. J. Gates; vice-presidents—W. O. Kerrick and C. C. D. Dake; secretary and manager—Hugh J. Leonard. The directors are: Dr. M. J. Gates, W. O. Kerrick, C. C. Dake, Walter L. Paine, R. O. Lincoln, Harry E. Murry, Emmet C. Rittenhouse, Dr. A. N. Nittler, and M. J. Leonard. The Santa Cruz County National Bank and The Farmers & Merchants National Bank are the official depositories of the company.

J. C. FALKENBERG.

Few merchants of Monterey county have been longer in the business or have had a more varied experience than J. C. Falkenberg, president of the King City Mercantile Company. He was born in Denmark in 1864, reared on a farm and received a high school education. When about sixteen years of age he decided to seek his fortune in America. Shortly after landing in this country he found his way to Watsonville, California, and obtained a position as clerk in a store. That was the beginning of his mercantile career. Later he formed a partnership with a Mr. Krogh, his brother-in-law, and for about eight years they were engaged in the grocery business.

In 1896 he came to King City, where he has since been closely identified with mercantile interests, first as an employe and later as a partner or stockholder in some of the large firms. He was one of the organizers of the Hamilton, Allen & Falkenberg Mercantile Company—commonly referred to as the H. A. F. Mercantile Company,—of which he was the first treasurer and later was vice president. After selling his interest in this concern he bought an interest in the King City Mercantile Company, of which he is now president.

Mr. Falkenberg is prominent in fraternal circles, being a Scottish Rite Mason, a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, an Elk, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Order of the Eastern Star and the Daughters of Rebekah. In civic affairs he has taken an active part ever since coming to King City. For thirteen years he served as a member of the school board, where he was influential in securing a new public school building and the establishment of the King City high school. He has never hesitated to spend his time and money for the advancement of the general welfare of the community.

In 1887 Miss Anne Smith, of Santa Cruz, became Mrs. J. C. Falkenberg. Two sons have been born to this marriage: Ray, a graduate of Heald's Business College, at one time connected with the First National Bank of King City, and now in the real estate business in Santa Cruz; and Stanley, employed by the Shell Oil Company at King City.

CLARENCE M. SMITH.

Clarence M. Smith, a veteran of the World war, is acting as manager of the Hammond Lumber Company at Watsonville, and that he is a thoroughly dependable young man of more than average ability is indicated by his selection for this responsible position. He was born in Leadville, Colorado, January 30, 1893, and there received his early instruction. He also attended schools in England and in Stockton, California, completing his education in the Polytechnic College of Engineering at Oakland. In 1917 he responded to the call of his country and spent twenty-two months overseas, winning the commission of first lieutenant. He was first with the Twelfth Air Squadron and later was placed in command of the One Hundred and Eighty-sixth Air Squadron. He made many trips over the lines of the enemy, displaying high courage in the face of danger, and has to his credit a distinguished military record. Mr. Smith returned to the United States in 1920 and was placed in charge of the air service units at Kelly Field, Texas, and at Camp Benning, Georgia. After receiving his honorable discharge he went to Stockton, California, and there spent a year in the employ of the Holt Manufacturing Company, engaged in designing caterpillar tractors and gun mounts for the government. He was afterward connected with the Sunrise Lumber Company of Modesto, California, and the Union Planing Mill at Stockton, becoming thoroughly familiar with the business, and in April, 1924, was made manager at Watsonville of the Hammond Lumber Company. It was established in this city many years ago and Watsonville was the headquarters for the twelve branch yards of the corporation, which was formerly operated under the style of the Hihn-Hammond Lumber Company. Subsequently Mr. Hammond purchased all of the stock in the firm, which he has since controlled, and now maintains the yard in Watsonville. Mr. Smith discharges his duties with characteristic thoroughness and efficiency, and the business of the company in this city is conducted with marked success.

Mr. Smith is a Royal Arch Mason and a member of local lodge of Elks. He is also connected with the American Legion, belonging to E. H. Lorenson Post, No. 121, at Watsonville. He measures up to the full stature of American manhood and citizenship, and his rapidly maturing powers have carried him into important relations.

JOSEPH E. BENTLEY.

Few, if any, business establishments of Monterey county have rendered a greater service to the community in which they have operated than that of Bentley & Son, so ably represented by the senior partner, Joseph E. Bentley, of Seaside. A native of the metropolis, New York city, he was born on the 4th of January, in the centennial year of the Republic, and his parents were Michael O. and Jennie A. (Osborne) Bentley. The mother's ancestors landed at Plymouth Rock, and one of her forbears bought and fitted out the Mayflower. The father was a physician. He retired early enough to come to Seaside and live for some years prior to his demise.

Joseph E. Bentley pursued a high school course and advanced preparatory studies, but on the death of his mother he had to abandon academic plans. He then went to work for a leading clothing firm in New York, and later conducted a large tobacco store. Although his career in the east was not notable, he profited from his metropolitan experience, and on coming to California in 1903 he opened one of the finest men's clothing stores in Oakland, at the corner of Twelfth street and Broadway. Selling out two years later, he removed to Seaside to take charge of the brick plant that was established here, but at the end of six years it was removed to Sacramento, and there Mr. Bentley was in charge for a year. Then he returned to Seaside and opened the feed and fuel business, in which he has been engaged. Being an advocate of sound business methods, he has been a vigorous supporter of the republican party platforms, and as a trustee of both grammar and high schools, he has done what he could to advance the cause of popular education.

Mr. Bentley married Miss Bessie M. Remington, and they have two children: Charles M., who was in the training school during the World war and is now with his father in business, and Jennie E., a student at the University of California. Mr. Bentley is a master Mason, and he finds his sport in playing golf or hunting and fishing.

FRANK HELLAM.

Frank Hellam is a wholesale and retail dealer in candies and tobacco, enjoying a substantial and growing business at 404 Alvarado Street, Monterey. He is a native of Michigan, born at Pontiac, September 13, 1869, the son of John and Fannie (Woodhull) Hellam, the former a brickmason who came to California in 1881 with his son Frank and settled at Monterey. Later the family removed to Shasta county but after twenty years returned to Monterey, where Mrs. Hellam passed away in 1922. Mr. Hellam, having built many of the fine residences here, at last retired, and is now enjoying a well earned rest.

Educated in the public schools of Michigan, Frank Hellam came to the Golden state at the age of eleven, and as a mere boy went to work for a living, making himself handy at odd jobs. One of the prized souvenirs of his youth is a photograph showing him shining shoes,—a view of his place of business thirty-four years ago. At this same location he has since built up a flourishing trade in tobacco and confectionery, selling to both the wholesale and retail trades, and his reputation for dependable, fair dealing is second to none in the state.

At Monterey, in the year 1899, Mr. Hellam was married to Miss Amelia Plapp, a native of Germany, and the union has been blessed with seven children. Monty is with his father; and there are Frank, Jr., John, Frances, Anstice, Le Gray, and William R. C. Mr. Hellam belongs to the Knights of Pythias, in which he has passed all the chairs, and has been delegate to the Grand Lodge. In politics he is a "man above party," working truly in non-partisan fashion for the common weal. His entire career is most creditable. Suffering the handicap of being crippled he has nevertheless won success in business and his own condition has made him most sympathetic for others, prompting a generous charity while his cheer and kindness have been a blessing and inspiration to others. All Monterey knows, honors and loves Frank Hellam, and both town and county are proud of his success and his exemplary citizenship.

LOUIS C. SCHOLL.

A popular institution for the comfort of the masses is the Seabright Bath House, at Seabright Beach, in Santa Cruz county, owned and managed by Louis C. Scholl. A native son of the most loyal type, always enthusiastic for the Golden state, Mr. Scholl was born at Santa Cruz, on August 7, 1887, the son of Conrad and Alice (Gripenstraw) Scholl, the former from New York city, the latter a native of Illinois. Conrad Scholl was born in the eastern metropolis June 2, 1856; and his father having died when he was only two years old, he was brought out to California by his mother,

who made the voyage around Cape Horn in a sailing vessel, and arrived in California in 1859, after having been one hundred and sixty-one days on the water. Reaching San Francisco, they came on to Santa Cruz by schooner and landed at Cow's Wharf, in Santa Cruz Bay. They were lifted from the deck of the vessel in an armchair and so transferred by ropes to the wharf.

Conrad Scholl attended school in Soquel and when he grew to manhood learned the carpenter trade. He also farmed at the Twin Lakes. Being one of the oldest living settlers in Santa Cruz, he is fully posted on the early history of the locality. Two children were born to him and his wife: Louis C. and Gladys. Mr. Scholl recalls Santa Cruz of the period when he was a boy, and says that it was a very small place. Front street was the main street and Pacific avenue was only an alley. All the way to the beach there was brush and orchards but no houses. All the supplies came from San Francisco by water before the railroad was built, and he has seen seventeen schooners and five steamers in the harbor at one time, discharging and taking on freight and passengers, and handling especially hay, grain, lumber, powder, all of which were thus shipped in. He has a collection of old pictures of the various Missions, and as a display at the Bath House, conducted by his son, they challenge the attention of eastern visitors.

After learning the carpenter trade, L. C. Scholl conducted a cleaning and dyeing establishment at Santa Cruz for ten years, and in 1919 bought the Seabright Bath House. In 1921 he wrecked that structure and built the present one, so modern and complete that he has hot salt water tub baths, and bathing suits for rent, a bandstand for Sunday concerts, and a concrete runway to the Beach. The Seabright is the ideal bathing beach for children, being perfectly safe, without undertow, and sheltered from the wind by a cove. The beach is one mile long and extends to Black Point. In 1909 Mr. Scholl received a Carnegie medal for saving a life in the surf at the beach. Two thousand people have been present in one day, for the resort is so well controlled in the exclusion of all gambling and other objectionable features that it is valued as a strictly family resort.

C. J. GIACOMAZZI.

Few men only thirty-four years of age can look back upon a more varied career than can C. J. Giacomazzi, editor and publisher of the Soledad Bee. He was born in Soledad, November 20, 1890, and is the third in order of birth in the family of four children born to Con and Sarah (Serafina) Giacomazzi, both of whom were born in Switzerland and came to America in 1870. They first located at Watsonville, California, and in 1885 came to Soledad. For many years the father was a rancher on a rather extensive scale but retired in 1910 and died the following year. The mother is still living in Soledad. Their other children are: E. P., the oldest of the family, a resident of San Juan; Aurelia, the wife of Charles Jones, of Soledad; and Jennie, the wife of Thomas Mattart, of Salinas.

After attending the local public schools, C. J. Giacomazzi spent one year in taking the combined business course in the Oakland Polytechnic Institute. Later he took a correspondence course in the Chicago School of Law and was graduated but never practiced. Upon leaving the Polytechnic Institute he occupied a clerical position for one year in Oakland. His occupation during the next four years he describes as an "itinerant jack of all trades," and in that period he traveled over a large part of the United States, Mexico, Canada and Alaska. He finally landed in St. Paul, Minnesota, where for two years he was assistant foreman in the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway freight house. He then returned to Soledad and with his brother edited and published the Soledad Bee for about six months. Again caught by the wanderlust, he went to Portland, Oregon, where he filled a clerical position in the freight department of the Southern Pacific Railway until 1914. At that time he came to Soledad on a vacation and while here bought the Bee, which he has since conducted, except for the time he was in Europe during the World war.

In 1918 Mr. Giacomazzi enlisted as a private in the infantry and was sent to Camp Lewis. His regiment was assigned to the Ninety-first Division and ordered to

France. He was in numerous engagements, including the fighting in the Argonne and around St. Mihiel. In one of the actions nearly every man in his company was either killed or wounded, but he escaped without a scratch, being the only member of his company that was not wounded or sent to a hospital. He was also in the engagement at La Scheldt in Belgium and was in Belgium at the time the armistice was signed. Later he was ordered to Brussels with the regiment and was there when King Albert returned, parading in his honor. Not long after this the regiment was ordered home and he was mustered out at the Presidio, San Francisco, April 14, 1919, as a first-class private.

Returning to Soledad he resumed his editorial work on the Bee, an eight-page weekly, which he has made one of the influential newspapers in this section of the state. His wide and varied experience as traveler and as a soldier overseas has given him the qualifications of an entertaining and forceful writer. He was active in the organization of the Soledad Chamber of Commerce, of which he is vice president, and he has been called the "Father of the Incorporation." He was a member of the city board at the first meeting of the city trustees in 1921 and is still on the board.

Mr. Giacomazzi is a Granger, also a member of Soledad Post, No. 32, American Legion, of which he is adjutant, the Foresters and the Druids, and is deservedly popular in all. In 1917 he married Miss Elizabeth Anderson, of Los Angeles.

GEORGE F. MARTIN.

George F. Martin, manager of the California Pine Box Company of Watsonville, is a native of the Pajaro valley and represents one of its pioneer families. He was born on the home ranch, January 20, 1872, and his parents were Adam and Ella (Cochran) Martin. His father was a native of Germany and followed the tide of immigration to the new world, settling in Santa Cruz county, California, early in the '60s. He located in the Riverside Road district and was one of the first to glimpse the possibilities of this region as a fruit-growing center. He had two ranches in the valley, situated a mile apart, and one of the farms, which comprises an apple orchard of one hundred acres, is still in the possession of the family. He was a man of broad views and progressive spirit, and his work marked a distinct advance in horticultural methods in his locality. He had a family of eleven children, of whom seven survive: George F.; Adam, a fruit grower and shipper; Phillip R.; William P., the owner of a productive ranch; Mrs. Charles Redding, who resides in Marin county, California; and Emma and Catherine, who are unmarried.

Mr. Martin received his education in the public schools of his native county and also attended the Chestnutwood Business College at Santa Cruz, from which he was graduated in 1890. Two years later he accepted a clerkship in the store of the A. Lewis Company, Watsonville merchants, and subsequently he started out on his own initiative, opening a grocery in the city. In 1910 he turned his attention to the packing and shipping of green and dried fruits, also dealing in shook. In 1916 Mr. Martin became district manager of the California Pine Box Company, having charge of the business in Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito and San Luis Obispo counties. The Watsonville branch was started in the '90s and was first operated by the White & De Hart Company. In 1904 the style was changed to that of the California Pine Box & Lumber Company and in 1918 the business was incorporated under the name of the California Pine Box Distributors. It is controlled by the following officers: Oliver Hasslett, president; C. R. Wisdom, vice president; H. W. Templeman, secretary and treasurer; and George F. Martin, local manager. The corporation has seven other branch plants in the state and takes the products of thirty-two mills in California, Oregon and Arizona in pine boxes and crates for fruit packing. For their manufacture three hundred million feet of pine lumber or ten thousand carloads are required each year and the shook is assembled into boxes at the various plants. Six hundred carloads of shook are used in the Pajaro valley alone, and eight hundred and fifty carloads are needed annually for the operations of the company in this district. This is one of the largest industries of the kind in the country and Mr.

Martin's well directed efforts have constituted a vital element in its growth and expansion. He is also an independent packer and shipper of green and dried fruits and a business man of exceptional ability, sagacity and enterprise, meeting with poise, efficiency and promptness every emergency that arises in connection with his work.

On August 8, 1900, Mr. Martin married Miss Pearl McCabe, a native of Contra Costa county. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McCabe, the former of whom crossed the plains to California in pioneer times, and the latter died in 1920. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have three children: Henry Adam and Kenneth G., students at Stanford University; and Marion, a student at the University of California.

Mr. Martin is deeply interested in his business, finding little time for outside interests, and the local lodge of Elks is the only organization of a social or fraternal nature with which he is affiliated. He has never been remiss in the duties of citizenship, however, and lends the weight of his influence to every project destined to prove of benefit to his community, in which he is highly esteemed.

GEORGE HARPER.

George Harper, the superintendent and secretary of the Monterey Canning Company, of Monterey is an experienced, progressive and thoroughly wide-awake executive. He was born in the Shetland islands, off the coast of Scotland, June 7, 1870, the son of Lawrence and Elizabeth (Ellison) Harper, worthy folks now long deceased.

Having to make his own way in the world rather earlier than most boys, George Harper was trained for the most part in the school of experience. He was reared on a farm and after the manner of the Shetland Islanders, devoted not a little of his time as a boy to fishing. At length he determined to come to the new world and in 1886, at the age of sixteen he migrated to California. Locating in Monterey, he followed farming and various occupations for a number of years, and for sixteen years he took care of a large estate. In 1916 he again engaged in fishing and on abandoning that field, joined Mr. Allen in organizing the Monterey Canning Company. The business has steadily increased, and at times employment has been given to as many as two hundred and fifty people. Their products are shipped to nearly all parts of the world, and the business is steadily growing. They have one of the most complete plants here and they manufacture a fish meal from the by-products of oil. This is used as a chicken feed, and the wide demand for other food-stuffs for calves, pigs and cows, and for fertilizer, has helped to carry the fame of Monterey around the globe. Mr. Harper was with the Del Monte Hotel, as a young man, and the value of this early association is apparent in all the later work so successfully undertaken by him.

At the age of twenty-one in the city of Monterey, Mr. Harper was married to Miss Alice M. Pate, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Pate, crossed the great plains in 1850, coming from Indiana, and settled near Stockton. Both are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Harper have a daughter, Gladys V., now the wife of M. R. Fluse, office manager Monterey Canning Company. Mr. Harper is a republican, supporting those measures which he believes work for increased business and prosperity throughout the country.

PETER N. BONDESEN.

Among the ranchmen and fruit growers in the region about Salinas, few have been more successful in recent years than Peter N. Bondesen. He was born in Denmark, June 8, 1866, and is a son of Nels and Celia (Smith) Bondesen. His father was a weaver by trade and in his boyhood Peter attended the local schools, where he picked up the rudiments of a practical education. When he was fifteen years of age he came to America alone and went directly to the home of his brother, Hans Bon-

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desen, in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. For some time he worked as a farm hand in Wisconsin and North Dakota. He then traveled over nearly all the western states, working here and there as opportunity offered.

In 1887 Mr. Bondesen reached California for the first time and found employment in the orange groves about Fullerton, Orange county, where he helped to build the first house. He was then for seven years in charge of the Newell ranch. In 1910 he removed to the San Luis Obispo district and followed ranching there for six years, or until 1916, when he purchased the place known as the McKinnon ranch, near Salinas, where he still resides. This ranch contains five hundred and thirty-six acres, of which two hundred acres were placed under irrigation shortly after it came into his possession. Since then he has irrigated the entire ranch, a large part of which is devoted to raising beans for the market. The orchard of forty acres has been kept in good condition and has proved to be a source of revenue every year. The ranch was supplied with substantial buildings when Mr. Bondesen bought it. These he has kept up and has added others, until he owns one of the best pieces of property in the county.

On July 18, 1896, Mr. Bondesen was married to Miss Mariakka Tryk, and to this marriage have been born eight children: Celia, who is now Mrs. C. A. Deiess of Salinas; Irene, the wife of Jack Prader, also of Salinas; Henry and Victor, associated with their father in working the ranch; Frank, who was accidentally shot and killed while hunting in 1921, at the age of nineteen years; Jennie and Harry, students in the Salinas high school, and Rose, who is attending the grade school. Mr. Bondesen is a thirty-second degree Mason, a life member of the Mystic Shrine, and belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

JULIUS A. SCHANBACHER.

Experience has ripened the ability of Julius A. Schanbacher, whose progressive spirit and powers of organization and administration have found expression in the development of one of the most important and successful business enterprises of Watsonville, his native city. He was born July 3, 1881, a son of Albert H. and Fredericka (Buob) Schanbacher, both of whom were natives of Germany. In 1868 the father sought the opportunities of the United States and in 1874 established his home in Watsonville. He purchased the Watsonville Tannery, which he operated successfully until his death in 1881, and the mother has also passed away. The four living children are Mrs. James Oksen, Fred S., Albert and Julius A. All are residents of Watsonville except Albert, whose home is in Sacramento, California.

In the acquirement of an education Julius A. Schanbacher attended the public schools of Watsonville and completed a commercial course in high school. He first worked in the grocery store of W. A. Speckens at Watsonville and next obtained a position in the plant of the White & De Hart Company, manufacturers of boxes. He was later employed in the planing mill operated by the M. Louis Prieta Lumber Company and in 1901 entered the service of the Watsonville Water & Light Company. He saved as much as possible from his earnings and in 1917 decided to invest his capital in a business of his own, opening the Electric Shop of J. A. Schanbacher on the 21st of May of that year. This was a small store on a side street but he has met with pronounced success in the venture, building up a large trade in the intervening period. He handles electric fixtures of all kinds, radio equipment, and also does electric wiring. He is thoroughly informed on matters pertaining to the business in which he is engaged, and his commercial transactions have at all times balanced up with principles of honor and integrity.

On October 26, 1904, Mr. Schanbacher married Miss Celesta Trogdon, a native of Humboldt county, California, and they have become the parents of two children, George and Olive, aged respectively nineteen and sixteen years. Mr. Schanbacher is a Knight Templar Mason and a Noble of Islam Temple of the Mystic Shrine at San Francisco. He is connected with the Eastern Star; with the local lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; Camp No. 82, of the Woodmen of the World; and he is also a member of Watsonville Parlor, No. 65, of the Native Sons of the

Golden West. Mr. Schanbacher enjoys the esteem of many friends and his prosperity is well deserved, for it has been won by hard work and proven ability. He is loyal to his city and en rapport with every movement for municipal progress and improvement.

WILLIAM H. BOOTH.

William H. Booth, an enterprising citizen of Santa Cruz, is proprietor of Booth's Auto Camp, at 112 Water Street. He was born in Kanawha county, West Virginia, on a hillside farm, and there he was reared. He followed farming, sawmilling and lumbering in his native State, until he came to California, in 1890, locating at Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz county. The first summer he worked for the Cunningham Brothers in their lumber yard and sawmill. He then undertook business for himself, cutting and selling redwood timber. Later he removed to Santa Cruz and engaged in the grocery business on Water Street and twenty-five years ago he established a campground for summer-folks in Boulder Creek. He was known then as "the Park Maker," and the property is now the Bonnie Brier Resort at Boulder Creek.

Mr. Booth established his present auto camp on the banks of the San Lorenzo Creek in Santa Cruz some twelve years ago, taking four and one-half acres in a forest of maple trees. The oldest auto camp in the state, it is well known all over the Pacific coast and in the east. Part of this land was swamp, but he filled it in with two thousand loads of dirt and made the surface level. Automobiles from almost ever state in the Union have been here, and on last Fourth of July over two hundred automobiles were encamped here and hundreds were turned away. Ovens and gas are supplied, and there are swings for the children, and such games as horse-shoe pitching for the "old boys." When Mr. Booth first opened his place, some seven or eight persons came the first year, remaining three or four days; since then the business has so greatly increased that many come to pitch their tents for two or more months, and now Mr. Booth proposes to erect cabins for winter guests. He also owns ten acres of virgin redwood forest on the Los Gatos highway, near Santa Cruz, and this he will develop into an ideal picnic ground. When he arrived in Santa Cruz, he had no money; but thanks in part to the steadfast cooperation of his good wife, all that they control today they also own. It is no wonder, then, that this lover of and defender of the trees should have met with success in making so popular a resort.

In Tulare County, California, October 21, 1890, Mr. Booth was married to Miss Mollie E. Metts, a native of Ohio; and they came to Santa Cruz as bride and groom. They have toiled hard together, and much of their prosperity has been due to the fact that, while building for themselves, they have had a generous eye toward helping others as well.

HON. C. C. BAKER.

Hon. C. C. Baker, who has been successfully engaged in the practice of law at Salinas since 1917, has also figured prominently in the public life of the community and is now ably representing the seventeenth senatorial district in the state legislature. He was born in Dayton, Oregon, on the 29th of June, 1881, and supplemented his public school education by a course of study in the University of Oregon, which conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Arts. His professional training was acquired in Stanford University, in which institution he completed a law course by graduation with the class of 1916. Early in the following year he entered upon law practice in Salinas, California, where he has remained continuously to the present time and where he has built up a clientage of gratifying and profitable proportions. Aside from his professional activity he is a director in the Peoples Finance & Thrift Company of Salinas.

Whatever else may be said of the legal fraternity, it cannot be denied that members of the bar have been more prominent actors in public affairs than any other class of the community. This is but the natural result of causes which are

manifest and require no explanation. The ability and training which qualify one to practice law, also qualify him in many respects for duties which lie outside the strict path of his profession and which touch the general interests of society. It was in 1922 that Mr. Baker was elected a member of the California assembly from the forty-eighth district, comprising Monterey and San Benito counties, while in 1924 he was elected to the state senate from the seventeenth senatorial district. He gives thoughtful and earnest consideration to the many vital questions which come up for settlement, and his record as a lawmaker has fully justified the confidence and support of his constituents.

In 1921 Mr. Baker was united in marriage to Miss Pearl E. Warth, a native of Monterey county, California, and a descendant of a worthy pioneer family of the community. The wedding ceremony was performed at the Leland Stanford Memorial church of Stanford University, California.

Mr. Baker gives his political support to the republican party, while fraternally he is identified with the Woodmen of the World and with Salinas Lodge No. 614 of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He also has membership in the Salinas Golf Club and is well known and highly esteemed in both social and professional circles of his adopted city.

FRANK J. SCRIVANI.

Frank J. Scrivani is one of the leading orchardists of the Pajaro valley and exerts a strong and beneficial influence in business circles of Watsonville. He was born in 1884, in the Pajaro valley, and is a son of E. and Rose Scrivani, natives of Italy. The father setled in Santa Cruz county in 1872 and became one of the pioneer fruit growers of the Pajaro valley. Frank J. Scrivani received his education in the public schools of Watsonville and since he was eighteen years of age has engaged in business for himself. He and his brother leased land on Mud flat, now known as the Trafton district; and devoted their energies to the cultivation of the soil, raising hay, grain, apples and vegetables. In 1912 Frank J. Scrivani decided to specialize in fruit growing, finding that branch of agriculture the most profitable, and is now leasing an apple orchard on the San Juan road. It is a tract of eighty-seven acres, devoted to the cultivation of bellflowers, Newton pippins and other choice varieties of apples. Mr. Scrivani has acquired an exhaustive knowledge of the apple industry, of which he has made a life study, and is recognized as an authority on matters pertaining thereto. He is an independent grower, packer and shipper of green and dried fruits, and by concentrated effort and wise management has built up a business of large proportions. His shipments average one hundred and fifty carloads annually.

Mr. Scrivani married Miss Charlotte Garbarino, a native of San Jose, California. He is affiliated with the Catholic church and faithfully follows its teachings. He is a member of Watsonville Council, No. 953, of the Knights of Columbus, and also belongs to Watsonville Parlor, No. 65, of the Native Sons of the Golden West. A man of progressive ideas and enterprising spirit, Mr. Scrivani has won success on his own merits and stands deservedly high in the esteem of his fellow citizens, who have found him thoroughly dependable in every relation of life.

ALBERT J. MAJOR.

Albert J. Major is of the well known firm of Major & Mutter, which has established an enviable patronage as machinists and for all garage service. He was born at Salinas, May 20, 1885, the son of Joseph and Ida C. (Uncapher) Major. The father was a sturdy Canadian who came to California in the '70s. He located in the northern part of the state and later removed to Salinas, where he took up ranching. Both parents are now dead, the books of their lives having been closed with a very creditable balance in their favor.

Albert Major attended the public schools and after finishing his studies worked at various occupations. He learned the blacksmith's and the machinist's trades and from 1914 until 1917 was in the automobile business at Santa Barbara. On May 12, 1917, he joined the United States Army, as a member of the One Hundred and Seventeenth Veteran Corps, and went to France, there remaining for eleven months. He served on the front with the 1st corps of the First Army.

On his return to California, Mr. Major worked in Monterey for Mr. Bussey, and so well did he succeed that on January 1, 1924, he took over the business he is now so ably conducting. He had been in the laundry business for a year, and this added experience had been to him a great advantage. Now he has a fully equipped machine shop capable of turning out a considerable amount of strictly first-class work, and in little more than a year the firm which he represents has secured a liberal patronage.

Mr. Major is deeply interested in Monterey county, past, present and future, and being public-spirited, he may always be counted upon to lend a hand in advancing the best interests of this part of the state.

PEARL OLIPHANT, D. O.

Dr. Pearl Oliphant is an osteopathic practitioner with offices in the First National Bank building, in Santa Cruz, widely recognized as thoroughly experienced and eminently skillful. A native of Missouri, she began preparation for her profession in the American School of Osteopathy, at Kirksville, Missouri.

Dr. Oliphant was graduated from that famous institution in 1900 and practiced first at Lincoln, Illinois. Coming west to California, she reached Santa Cruz on August 1, 1906, and here she has continued her practice; and is now one of the prominent osteopathic physicians in the state. She served for two years as vice-president of the Association of Osteopathic Physicians of this district, and was honored by being elected president of the California Branch of the Woman's Osteopathic National Association in 1924. She belongs to the County, State and National associations, and has been a very active delegate to conventions.

The progress made by osteopathy throughout the United States in the past few years has found expression in her work, which has reflected the highest degree of credit upon her profession. She is widely and favorably known in the city and county of her adoption and it is certain that she has the esteem, confidence and good will of all.

CAPTAIN GEORGE F. GRANT.

Deserving the popularity he enjoys as one of the faculty of the well-equipped Union high school at Salinas, Captain George F. Grant, who is in charge of the machine-shop work, finds his duties most agreeable, directing the automobile work, the woodwork, drawing and forgework, in all of which the students under him make unusual progress. A native of Michigan, that great state that has already given so many able sons and daughters to California, he was born at Saginaw, May 27, 1888, and there attended the grammar and high schools. Later, he went to the famous Stout Institute at Menomonie, Wisconsin, a school for teachers seeking special instruction in shop-work and physical training, and he also took a course in the Armour Institute of Technology at Chicago, and a post-graduate course in the University of California and Stanford University. Thus his training was thorough and comprehensive, well fitting him for his professional career.

In 1910, Captain Grant was made instructor in machine shop-work in the Central Union high school at St. Paul, Minnesota, and the following year received a similar appointment to the high school at Butte, Montana. During the next six years, he directed the same kind of manual arts work at the Du Pont Manual Training high school in Louisville, Kentucky, and while there, in 1914, he joined the National Guard

of Kentucky, in which he rose from private to regimental sergeant-major of the First Infantry, Kentucky National Guard. He took an examination at the Rock Island (Ill.) Arsenal for a commission in the United States Army in the spring of 1917, and was commissioned First Lieutenant in the Ordnance Department. He was stationed successively at the Rock Island Arsenal, the Winchester Repeating Arms Company at New Haven and the Remington Arms Company at Bridgeport, Connecticut; was instructor in the Small Arms Firing School at Camp Perry, Ohio. He was an ordnance officer and instructor in rifle and pistol practice, and was commissioned captain at Salina, California, in April, 1924. He was stationed at the Georgia Arsenal and was at Camp Dodge, Iowa, with the Nineteenth Division until May, 1919, and after that he was assigned to the Cavalry Service Rifle Team, training at Camp Dodge. It is to his credit that he trained and made the national match team and took part in the match, shooting at Caldwell, New Jersey. He was discharged at Fort Bliss in 1919, having made a most creditable record through all his military connections.

That same year, Captain Grant came to California and accepted an instructorship at Mountain View, Santa Clara county. In the Autumn of 1920 he removed to Salinas to accept the position he now holds in the Salinas Union high school. Here, among the students, he has organized a rifle club, and when, in the Spring of 1924, the organization of the tank corps of the Fortieth Division took place in Salinas, Captain Grant was chosen commander of the same, an honor he modestly carries, but which speaks for itself.

Captain Grant was married, at Chicago in 1919, to Miss Honor M. Cunningham, a native of Connecticut. They now have one son, George F. Grant, Jr. Captain Grant is a Mason, belonging to the lodge at New Haven, Connecticut, and his life has ever been guided by the teachings of the craft. His entire career, military and professional, marks his sterling worth.

WYLLYS A. WILLOUGHBY.

Energy is the key which unlocks the portals of success and perseverance constitutes the path to prosperity. Possessing these qualities in abundance, Wyllys A. Willoughby has won and retained an enviable position in business circles of Watsonville and also holds a secure place in the esteem of his fellow citizens, for honorable principles have guided him in every relation of life.

He was born August 11, 1875, on his father's ranch in the Railroad district of Santa Cruz county, near Watsonville, a son of O. H. and Mary (Trafton) Willoughby, both of whom are deceased. The former was born in one of the New England states and came to California in the early '50s, locating in San Francisco, where he engaged in the meat business for some time. In the '60s he settled in the Pajaro valley, becoming the owner of a productive tract of seventy-five acres in the Railroad district. He utilized advanced methods in the cultivation of his land and was also a large buyer of stock. He bought, developed and sold two ranches in the Salinas valley and one in the San Joaquin valley, contributing substantially to the agricultural progress of his adopted state. On his homestead he set out an apple orchard and also operated a dairy. He was an earnest worker in behalf of the republican party but never sought office as a reward for his fealty, and fraternally he was connected with Watsonville Lodge, No. 1300, B. P. O. E. To Mr. and Mrs. Willoughby were born six children: Howard, Mrs. J. W. Cutler, John E., Wyllys A., Fred D. and Sarah P.

Wyllys A. Willoughby received his early instruction in the rural school near the home farm and afterward attended the public schools of Watsonville. He aided his father in operating the ranch, taking charge of a large share of the work, and thus became thoroughly familiar with agricultural pursuits. In 1918 he and his brother, Howard, purchased the business of the Milks-Adamson Company, which they are now conducting under the name of the Pajaro Valley Feed & Fuel Company, enjoying a large and steadily growing trade. For ten years Howard and Wyllys A. Willoughby have been business associates and the efforts of the one ably supplement the labors of the other. They are sagacious, farsighted business men, possessing

executive ability and keen powers of discernment, and own the largest and best equipped poultry ranch in Santa Cruz county. It is situated on Fifteenth avenue, in Green valley, and is stocked with eight thousand chickens. The owners of the ranch have become widely known as expert poultrymen, and their business is in a very prosperous condition.

Wyllys A. Willoughby is married and has a daughter, Mary, aged thirteen years. He belongs to Watsonville Lodge, No. 1300, B. P. O. E., of which his brother Howard is also a member. The latter operated the Kelly-Thompson ranch near Salinas and has been prominently identified with agricultural activities in the valley. He is the father of two children, Otis H. and Mrs. Frances Brewer. The brothers have made the name of Willoughby a synonym for business integrity and enterprise in Watsonville and throughout the county, and their worth to the community is uniformly conceded.

ORVILLE PARLEY COLBURN.

Among the progressive Monterey merchants, whose success has been in keeping with the growth of prosperity in the old town, is Orville Parley Colburn, the proprietor of the general merchandising establishment at 606 Lighthouse avenue, and also proprietor of the Mineral Well at 622 Spencer Street. He was born on a farm in Illinois, November 16, 1858, the son of Parley and Olive (Odell) Colburn. His parents, partaking of the dauntless migration spirit when California was still very much in the making and needed just such settlers, came to the Golden state in 1872. They conducted a well equipped and thoroughly sanitary dairy in Sonoma County, and there died, respected by all who knew them, and beloved by many.

First trained in the schools of Iowa, where the family lived during his early boyhood, Orville Colburn later helped his father on the home farm, and then pursued agriculture himself for a number of years, at Stockton. For a year also he tried cultivating the soil near San Jose and after that removed to Monterey. In 1905 with a partner he opened the general merchandise store on Lighthouse avenue, and a year and a half ago purchased the interests of those associated with him. He also owns a mineral well, long famous throughout California for its medicinal virtues and its curative properties, and since he took a lease on the well, in July, 1923, he has greatly developed a demand for the waters. He is a Republican, and as such is a hearty supporter of the sound policies of that old party, and a steadfast advocate of sane business for the individual and assured prosperity for the country. This devotion to the country at large makes Mr. Colburn particularly enthusiastic in supporting all well-endorsed local measures likely to benefit the community of which he is such a valued part.

Mr. Colburn has been twice married. First he was joined in wedlock to Miss Emma Bowman, of Half Moon Bay, by whom he had one son, Charles E. Colburn, now with the Associated Oil Company. The mother passed away in 1919. Since then, Mr. Colburn has remarried, choosing Miss Della Folger, of Nantucket, Massachusetts, for his wife. Both Mr. and Mrs. Colburn have a wide circle of friends. He is an Odd Fellow and has passed through all the chairs of that well known fraternal society. A republican in his political views he stanchly supports the principles of the party and works earnestly for the adoption of those measures which tend to promote the welfare of city, state and nation.

I. F. HAUBNER.

I. F. Haubner is the proprietor of the well kept Cream Bakery, at 336 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz. He was born in Bohemia, February 1, 1870, and at the age of fifteen, began to learn the baker's trade. There years later, in 1888, he crossed the broad Atlantic to America, and made his way to Rochester, New York, where for a while he worked in a bakery. He was then in business for himself at Watkins, New York, conducting an excellent shop there from 1894 until 1904.

In the latter year Mr. Haubner came to California, settling in San Joaquin county, and at Stockton he worked in the John Ingalls bakery for four years or until 1908. He was next a partner with Mr. Ratto in the Grand Central Bakery and in 1912 he bought out his partner, after which he established the Cream Bakery, with first-class bakery goods and a line of choice groceries. The high standard early set by Mr. Haubner as being the probable goal of the majority of his patrons he has never lowered. He is widely known for the excellence of his products and his business methods commend him to the patronage of the public.

Mr. Haubner married Miss Edith Williams, a native of Ithaca, New York, and their happy union has brought them four loving children,—Josephine Grace and Alois, born in New York, and Margaret and Edith, born in California. They also had the misfortune to lose one daughter, Stella, who died in 1922, at the age of twenty-one years. Mr. Haubner was made an American citizen at Watkins, New York, in 1894, and in this acquired citizenship he has since gloried. He is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, and, it is fair to assume, among the most welcome in their lodge.

GEORGE W. LYMAN.

George W. Lyman, manager of the Watsonville Ice & Cold Storage Company, owes his rise in the business world to his natural sagacity, his executive ability, untiring application and devotion to duty. He is a native of Rutland, Vermont, and represents a family whose members have been continuously and prominently identified with the marble industry of that state for a period of seventy years. Mr. Lyman received his education in the public schools of the Green Mountain state and in the fall of 1906 came to San Francisco, California, where he joined his brother, who had preceded him to the Pacific coast. The subject of this sketch entered the employ of the Vermont Marble Company in San Francisco and later became connected with the National Ice & Cold Storage Company of that city. He soon proved his worth to the corporation and in 1919 was appointed manager of their Watsonville branch. The plant was erected in 1911 at a cost of a half million dollars and is one of the largest in the west. It has a storage capacity of three hundred and fifty thousand boxes or will accommodate three hundred and fifty carloads of apples. It took some years to prove to the growers and packers the advantage gained by placing their apples in cold storage instead of dumping them on the market and under the expert management of Mr. Lyman the plant is now doing a capacity business. He has demonstrated that he is the right man for the position, and his services are of great value to the corporation which he represents.

Mr. Lyman was married on the 6th of September, 1911, to Miss Blanche Merrell, a native of California, and they have become the parents of three children: Barbara, Patricia and George W. Jr. Mr. Lyman is a Master Mason and also belongs to Watsonville Lodge, No. 1300, B. P. O. E., and to the local Exchange Club. He is foremost in every project for civic growth and development, and all who know him speak of him in terms of high regard.

OTTO SCHINAUER.

Well known for his interesting connection with one of the popular industries of Monterey county, Otto Schinauer, as the proprietor of the National Baking System at 448 Alvarado street, Monterey, enjoys an enviable position among merchants and housewives. He was born in Germany, January 13, 1891, the son of Paul and Hedwic Schinauer, hard working and estimable people who lived and died in the Father'and, passing way in 1917, during the World war. Paul Schinauer was also a baker, and hence his son was well drilled in the trade he followed.

Otto Schinauer attended both the lower schools and the gymnasium of his native land, and then, at the age of seventeen, was apprenticed to his father to learn the baker's trade. He got along so well that he soon crossed the ocean and came to the

United States, landing first in New York. From there he went to South America but later returned to New York and visited other places in this country. For a while he was in business in both New York and Brooklyn.

In 1920 he came to Monterey and here he first worked in the New England Bakery but within a short time he established his own business and has been in the same location ever since. The excellence of his bakery goods insures him a liberal patronage.

Mr. Schinauer married Miss Bertha Hoyme of Germany, and their union has been blessed with two children, Louisa and Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Schinauer are fond of motoring and out-of-door life. He belongs to the local Chamber of Commerce and cooperates in its efforts to improve and upbuild the city of his adoption.

GROVER HURT.

A very progressive man of affairs to whom has very properly been entrusted interests of great importance to the public as well as to the fortunate owners, is Grover Hurt, once prominent in the educational field, and now, a resident of Salinas, living at 160 Gabilan street, esteemed as one of those personages who would make a success in almost any field. A native of the great northern state of Oregon, he was born at Medford, December 5, 1887, and attended both the lower schools and the normal school in Chico. Thus well equipped he came to Salinas, in 1909, and taught school in Greenfield and Santa Rita, Monterey county. and for a while he was a member of the county board of education. He next attended the University of California and also the University of Chicago, and on returning to California he was made superintendent of schools at Mill Valley, in Marin county.

In 1920 he again located in Salinas, making this city his home, and here he has become influential as the manager of the Henry Bardin estate, which includes large landholdings and stock interests in Monterey county. He is also a member of the advisory board of the Bank of Italy, at Salinas, and was organizer of the People's Finance & Thrift Company, of which he is now the president. He is likewise president of the Salinas Elevator Corporation and he is a county director of the California Farm Bureau Exchange. In all these organizations Mr. Hurt has sought, in a quiet, dignified and effective way, to advance the best and most permanent interests of both the community and the county in which he lives and discharges his responsible duties.

On the 8th of October, 1916, Mr. Hurt was married to Miss Hazel J. Bardin, daughter of Henry Bardin, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this publication. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hurt, namely: Barbara, and Phyllis. Mr. Hurt is now master of Salinas Lodge, No. 204, F. & A. M.; and he also belongs to Salinas Chapter, No. 59, R. A. M., Watsonville Commandery, No. 22, K. T. and the Islam Temple of Shriners, in San Francisco. He is likewise connected with Salinas Pyramid of Sciots, No. 33, and Salinas Lodge, No. 614, B. P. O. E., also claims him as one of their honored members. In his fraternal and social, as well as in his business relations, he typifies the spirit of loyalty and progress.

THEODORE WACKERMANN.

Theodore Wackermann, proprietor of the Omstead Bakery, at 339 Soquel avenue, Santa Cruz, was born in the province of Westphalia, in the Ruhr district, of Germany, June 20, 1882, and in the province of Hannover he learned the baker's trade. On April 27, 1899, he landed at Galveston, Texas, a youth of seventeen, who could not speak a word of English. The first job offered him was washing dishes in a restaurant, with board and three dollars a week as wages, and work to keep him busy seven days in the week. Later he found a better place at Fort Worth, Texas, at nine dollars per week.

Mr. Wackermann next located at Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he entered

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the employ of the Harvey Company, as baker for the hotel and cafe, at forty-five dollars per month and board; and remained there a year. In 1902 he arrived at San Pedro, California, where he found employment as deck-boy on the steamer Hermosa, running between San Pedro and Catalina Island. Later he was pastry cook in Los Angeles in the hotel run by Milo B. Potter, and afterward went to Santa Barbara as pastry cook for the Potter Hotel. In 1905 he went north to San Francisco where he was first in the service of Page & Folk, and then of the Young & Swains Bakery Company. He started to work for O. J. Mead in San Francisco and Oakland, when Mead first started to establish his chain of bakeries and restaurants, being employed as head baker there, and continued with Mr. Mead until he had established his twenty-two places.

In February, 1915, Mr. Wackermann came to Santa Cruz and worked in the Chatterton Bakery, and it is to his credit that he helped materially to build up their business. In 1917, however, he decided to start in business for himself and opened a bakeshop on Soquel avenue, on the east side. He bought the bakery business he now owns and later purchased the building in which it was housed. He started with a cash capital of ninety-two dollars and although several other bakers had failed there he has made a pronounced success of the enterprise. When he arrived in California, he had just seventy-five cents in his pocket. That he has prospered is shown in the fact that today he has one of the best bakeries in Santa Cruz. He makes fine bread and pastry,—so fine, in fact, that one does not look to find better anywhere.

Mr. Wackermann was married to Miss Delia Bacirini, a native of Solano county, California, and of Swiss-American parentage. They have four children—Bertha, Adeline, Albert and Theodore. Mr. Wackermann belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose. A self-made man, his record of success should serve to inspire and encourage others showing what can be accomplished when one has the will to dare and to do.

JOHN A. MORRILL.

John A. Morrill, president of the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce, was born in Healdsburg Sonoma county, California, October 20, 1881, a son of Charles A. and Fannie A. (Porter) Morrill. His father was a native of Vermont and a member of a family prominent in New England. In 1862 he enlisted as a private in the Thirty-fifth Massachusetts Infantry and served until the close of the Civil war, being mustered out as a lieutenant. He was then offered a commission in the Regular army, but declined it and came to California via the Isthmus of Panama. Through connections with the United States treasury department, he was appointed a special agent in the customs service in the Coast Division, the field of his activity extending from Oregon southward to Monterey. He served in this department during President Grant's two administrations, after which he embarked in the wholesale boot and shoe business in San Francisco. Some years later he went to Sonoma county and engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death in 1888. Three children were born to Charles A. and Fannie A. Morrill: John A.; Herbert S., a ranchman in Geyserville, Sonoma county; and Laura, who lives in Port Angeles, Washington.

John A. Morrill received a grammar school education and in his youth learned telegraphy. His first station was at Lytton, Sonoma county. In 1900, when only about nineteen years of age, he entered the employ of the California Northwestern Railroad Company and remained with that corporation for several years. Since then he has been in the service of the Santa Fe, Rock Island and Southern Pacific Railroad companies and located in various places. In 1922 he came to Gonzales as station agent and quickly became identified with local affairs. While in Hopland, Mendocino county, he was president of the Chamber of Commerce from 1910 to 1914, and a member of the Luther Burbank Society. His experience there enabled him to play a conspicuous part in the organization of the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce, of which he was elected the first president—an office which he still holds. Since its organization the Chamber of Commerce has been instrumental in securing three miles of street improvement, remodeling the lighting system and has erected two illuminated signs at the entrance to the town, issued folders advertising the

advantages of the district, and is now engaged in a campaign which contemplates further local improvement work in which the entire community is cooperating.

In 1905 Mr. Morrill and Miss Anita Smith were united in marriage, in Redwood, California. They have three children: Winston, Genevieve and Lorena. The son is a student in the Gonzales high school.

CLARE FAGEN.

Miss Clare Fagen, forceful and resourceful in business and displaying artistic skill and sound judgment, is at the head of the Santa Cruz Floral Company of 7½ Locust street, Santa Cruz. Although born at Dennison, Texas, she is a descendant of a pioneer Santa Cruz family, her grandfather having been the late Dr. P. B. Fagen, a native of Ohio who, after graduating from medical college, practiced his profession at Des Moines, Iowa. Coming to California in pioneer days, he located at Yankee Jim, in Placer county, and later came to Santa Cruz. He was one of the pioneer physicians here, and is well and pleasantly remembered by the old settlers. He owned a sawmill in Soquel district and was one of the founders of the Santa Cruz National Bank, of which he became vice-president. He was also a school trustee of Santa Cruz, and was one of the most progressive, as he was among the leading citizens of the town. His two sons, both deceased, were Clarence Eugene and Herbert Dalton Fagen. Clarence Eugene was assistant-cashier of the Santa Cruz County National Bank for many years. Miss Fagen's father, now deceased, was Herbert Dalton Fagen, and her mother, who is still living and a resident of Santa Cruz, was Laura Cartwright, a native of Kansas. They were married in Iowa, and were highly esteemed in their day and generation. Herbert Dalton Fagen was born at Yankee Jim, in Placer county, and he and his brother Clarence were sent to Des Moines, Iowa, to be educated. The former joined his father in Santa Cruz, when he was fourteen years of age, and attended the public schools here, but later returned East and was active in both newspaper and railroad work in Iowa and Texas. Coming back to Santa Cruz, some thirty years ago, he retired and has since passed away.

There were two daughters still living, of Herbert and Laura Fagen, and they are Clare, of Santa Cruz, and Marion, a teacher in Lafayette, Louisiana. The only son in the family was Guy S., who died in his eighteenth year. Clare Fagen received her early educational training in the common schools of Santa Cruz and also at the Sacred Heart Convent, at St. Charles, Missouri. While in Houston, Texas, she became associated with a wholesale and retail flower firm and on her return to Santa Cruz in 1920 she started the first retail flower store here. Commencing in a small way, she has promoted her business steadily each year until it has reached large proportions. She is also prominent in civic affairs and is financial secretary of the Woman's Saturday Afternoon Club; is past president of the Young Ladies Institute; and grand director of the Young Ladies Institute of America.

HOWARD D. PETERS.

Howard D. Peters, of Salinas, who has an attractive suite of offices at the Salinas City Bank building, is a thoroughly trained civil engineer and licensed land surveyor of whom Monterey county may well be proud, his public-spiritedness leading him to feel a keen interest in the solution of problems pertaining to other communities than the one in which he is most active. He was born at Spokane Washington, November 24, 1892. Removing eastward, he attended the public schools of Chicago, and when he was old enough to take up such work, he became a surveyor with the Oliver Land & Mining Company, of Duluth, Minnesota. Later, also as surveyor, Mr. Peters entered the service of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, and from 1911 to 1914, was with the Engineers Corps in the United States army. He was stationed at Honolulu, in the Hawaiian islands, and attended the engineering school there for eighteen

months, and during the remainder of the time was engaged in surveying for the governor in the islands, in fortification, road, hospital and other construction work.

Since then, having returned home and to the quieter paths of peace, Mr. Peters has been engaged in general civil engineering and surveying and on coming to Salinas joined the engineering department of the Spreckels Sugar Company, spending four years in their service, doing land and irrigation work and installing pumping plants. Under the late Hon. Lou Hare, Mr. Peters acted as assistant county surveyor, but is now engaged in the private practice of his profession. He represents a large pump and motor company of San Francisco, and is kept busy installing pumping plants and putting in irrigation work on the Monterey county ranches, his reputation for first-class actual accomplishment in the past giving him now more than enough to do. For the Spreckels Sugar Co., he installed systems on the Rancho San Lorenzo, near King City, the Pos de los Ositos, the San Vicente Rancho, the Zan Jones Rancho, the Chular Rancho, the Llano Devnena Vista Rancho, the Bolsa del Potrero Morro Cozo Rancho,and he has also installed systems for many private parties on smaller ranchos in the valley. He was engineer in charge of the development of the fruit land of the California Orchard Company, at King City, and he installed the pumping plants for the California Coast Fruit Company, of Salinas, which has a pear orchard of one hundred and seventy acres, the first large pear orchard planted in the valley.

Mr. Peters is married, and has two children, Harrold and Shirley. He belongs to the Woodmen of the World.

HOBART P. GLASSELL.

A unique name of a unique establishment is the "Cabbages and Kings, Ltd.," on Ocean avenue, in Carmel-by-the-Sea, of which Hobart P. Glassell is proprietor. A progressive merchant of broad vision, he has a veritable emporium of imported stuffs, hand-woven blankets, hooked rugs, bandanas, homespuns, golf hose and jerseys brought from far-off England, Scotland, France and Canada. Mr. Glassell was born at Los Angeles, October 13, 1889, the son of William T. and Lillie Glassell, both natives of California, his paternal granfather, Andrew Glassell, having been a pioneer of Los Angeles, while his maternal grandfather was Dr. H. H. Toland, a pioneer physician and surgeon of both Los Angeles and San Francisco and the founder of the Toland Institute, now a part of the Affiliated Colleges of the latter city.

Hobart Glassell attended the grammar school in Hollywood, and from 1904 to 1907, was a student in the Harvard Military School. In 1911 he was graduated from the University of Southern California, and after that he attended the University of Santiago, in Chili, South America. He also served for three years in the Chilean navy, so that he had had military training when he joined the British Troops for service in the World war in 1915. He was with the Medical Corps in London, and then when the United States entered the war he joined the American Army and from 1917 to 1919, was with our forces in France, as a lieutenant in the Second Division with the Second Ammunition Train. He saw active service at the front and was afterward with the Army of Occupation in Germany.

Returning to California, he located at Carmel in 1921 and here established his present business, notable for the best collection of imported tweeds in America. He imports the wool and weaves the cloth for scarfs, sweaters, blankets, etc. His wife, Mrs. Frances Glassell—who as Miss Frances Allen, was the popular granddaughter of the late Senator William Sharon, of California, and was widely known as a dancer before her marriage, can be seen every day in the "Cabbages and Kings" seated at a large loom, where one can purchase the most exclusive articles of imported sports wear and real Scotch tweeds. At another loom facing Mrs. Glassell is Iris Alberto, the wife of David Alberto, the celebrated pianist. These two ladies are busy all day weaving the most effective scarfs and other things that can be created on a loom; and their choice handiwork seldom lies unsold for any length of time, visitors to the "Cabbages and Kings" soon taking a fancy to the artistic products. The business of the house is rapidly increasing under the able management and wise control of Mr. Glassell whose

initiative and original methods are supplemented with farsighted acumen and enterprise. He is not only a successful business man but also a progressive citizen—as loyal to his country in days of peace as when he followed the nation's flag on the western front.

HOWARD L. CHAPMAN.

Although an easterner by birth, Howard L. Chapman has thoroughly identified his interests with those of the Pajaro valley, and Watsonville numbers him among its leading business men and most enthusiastic and effective workers for the development of the great fruit-growing industry, which has made this region famous throughout the world. He was born in Waterbury, Connecticut, July 24, 1882, and during his boyhood made frequent trips to California. His grandfather migrated to the Golden state in 1869 and became the owner of a ranch at Corralitos, in Santa Cruz county. He was one of the pioneer apple growers of this section and well deserved success rewarded his intelligently directed labors.

Mr. Chapman was graduated from the Chestnutwood Business College at Santa Cruz in 1899 and then returned to Waterbury, Connecticut, entering the employ of the American Brass Company. He also filled the position of order clerk in the plant of the Waterbury Watch Company but again yielded to the lure of the west and in 1912 returned to California, where he decided to make his permanent home. He located on the ranch at Corralitos and brought the property to a high state of development, recently selling the farm at an advantageous price. In 1917 he became connected with the Corralitos Fruit Growers Association, which had been organized in 1913, and since 1919 it has been known as the Corralitos Fruit Growers, Inc. It is composed of about forty apple growers in the Pajaro valley and its officers are F. L. Selleck, president; W. P. Hitchings, vice president, and H. L. Chapman, secretary, treasurer and manager. Mr. Chapman assumed his present duties in 1924 and his work has been of great value to the association, to which he is rendering expert service.

On April 8, 1914, Mr. Chapman married Miss Myrtle Rowe, a native of Monterey, California, and a daughter of C. W. Rowe, who is numbered among the honored pioneers of the Pajaro valley. While a resident of Waterbury, Connecticut, Mr. Chapman joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is now serving on the board of directors of the Watsonville Chamber of Commerce, and the Watsonville Apple Distributors. The growth and progress of his city is a matter in which he takes much personal pride, and public opinion bears testimony to his high qualities of mind and heart.

ERNEST E. COLTRANE.

Ernest E. Coltrane, the proprietor of the Monterey Sheet Metal Works, at 206 Franklin street, Monterey, is a man of affairs whose influence in both industrial and commercial circles has been beneficial in advancing the best interests of Monterey county. A native of the fine old state of North Carolina, he was born at Thomasville, September 13, 1872, and was educated in the public schools of the south. Removing to Maryland, he matriculated in the School of Art and Design at Baltimore, where he pursued a comprehensive course in architecture and mechanical and freehand drawing for four years. Since his graduation he has been steadily advancing in his chosen field.

In 1915 Mr. Coltrane came to Monterey, and about the middle of 1918 established his present business, having the only exclusive sheet-metal shop in the city. He has aimed to so equip and to so manage it that his establishment would be equal to any demand and his skill and ability are now widely recognized and have brought him more and more patronage, so that the Monterey Sheet Metal Works is today recognized as one of the institutions of note in the business life of the old historic town. He has executed many important contracts. From this concern has gone out the sheet-metal work for the W. W. Crocker residence and the Del Monte Hotel, particularly the splen-

did fittings in the kitchen for which that hostelry was so noted. Mr. Coltrane also superintended the metal work for the First National Bank of Monterey, one of the representative structures in the more modern part of the city.

Fond of hunting and fishing, Mr. Coltrane delights in the great outdoors. In politics he is a stalwart republican and at all times an interested witness of the changing events, which are making America's history.

A. RAY LAWN, D. C.

Dr. A. Ray Lawn, who is widely known throughout these three counties as a doctor of chiropractic in Watsonville, and one of the best known and most influential practitioners of that school of healing in California, a pioneer in chiropractic in this state, is a native son of California and has been a resident of this state all his life, with the exception of a period some years ago when he was engaged in practice in Rock Island, Illinois, and Davenport, Iowa. Dr. Lawn became established in practice in Watsonville in the fall of 1920 and by the success of the methods of healing he then introduced hereabout has developed a large and growing practice. He was born on a ranch in the immediate vicinity of the city of Hollister, in San Benito county, August 12, 1888, and is the last born of the eleven children of Jasper H. and Rhoda (Coffman) Lawn, the former of whom was born in Macomb, Illinois, and the latter in Hancock, Missouri, and they became residents of California in pioneer days, having accompanied their respective parents here, the former in 1849 and the latter in 1852. John H. Lawn was a son of John Long, who was born in Scotland, a son of John Long, who was a large shipowner there. The junior John Long came to America and was living in Missouri when the Mexican war broke out. He enlisted his services in behalf of the army and was made captain of one of the companies which went to the front out of Missouri under General Taylor at Monterey. By the error of a regimental clerk he was carried on the rolls of the army as John Lawn and was thus known during the period of his military service, a name which he continued to bear after his discharge from the army and which has since been borne by successive generations of this family.

Captain John Lawn was a skilled architectural draftsman and also was a sculptor of no mean ability. When the Mormon temple was being erected at Nauvoo, on the Mississippi, he was employed to draw the plans for the interior decorations of that edifice. When Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism, and his brother Hyrum were murdered by a mob as they were lying in jail at Carthage, Illinois, on June 27, 1844, John Lawn (then still known as Long) was one of the guards pressed into service to prevent further violence. He died in Macomb, Illinois, approximately in 1847. Following the discovery of gold in California in 1848 his widow put in her lot and that of her family with one of the first parties that left St. Joseph on the long journey across the plains and mountains to the new land of promise and while en route was married to a Mr. Hollowell, and thus became one of the pioneers of California, locating at Sutters Fort, where they conducted the hotel for General Sutter for approximately two years. They eventually established their home in San Juan, Monterey county, later known as San Benito county, where he became a man of influence in the formative period of that now rich and progressive county.

Jasper H. Lawn was a lad of nine years when he came with that daring party of adventurers across the plains in 1849. He was a sturdy upstanding boy and despite his slender years was given a man's part in the expedition, driving a team and when occasion rose handling a gun against an occasional marauding band of redskins. He grew up at San Juan, after his marriage established his home there, and became a well-to-do landowner and rancher. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children of whom A. Ray was the youngest, the others being as follows: Alice, wife of Charles Gilbert of Hollister; John A., now a resident of Hollister; Emma, who became the wife of George Baker of Mulberry, San Benito county, and is now deceased; F. H. Lawn, who recently died in San Jose; Amne, wife of H. L. Waters of Mulberry; D. J. Lawn, a resident of Hollister; Lottie, wife of Eugene Snow of Anaheim in Orange county, this state; Cora, who became the wife of Walter Waters, and

is now living in Mulberry, California; Walter F. Lawn, now a resident of Mulberry; and Luella the wife of A. C. Hawley of Berkeley.

Reared on the home ranch in the vicinity of Hollister, A. Ray Lawn had his initial education in the schools of that city and was married when he was twenty-one years of age, finishing his high school course after his marriage and supplementing this by a course in the business college at Hollister and San Jose. As a lad of sixteen he had begun working for one of his elder brothers in a manufacturing establishment in San Jose and was thus diverted from taking up the labors on the home ranch. He later became employed as a salesman for a concern distributing typewriters and as a salesman for the "Remington" writing machine was engaged for ten years, the last year or more of this period of service having been rendered as manager of the San Jose office of that concern. In the meantime he had been attracted to the practice of chiropractic and decided to take up that line of healing as a profession. With this end in view he resigned his position as manager of the office in which he had for so long been employed in San Jose and went to Davenport, Iowa, where he entered the Palmer School of Chiropractic, the pioneer institution of its kind in America, and in due time was graduated from that institution. His wife, who also had been strongly attracted to this course, carried on her studies along this line at the same time and both were graduated from the same class in September, 1919. Following the completion of their course at the Palmer School, Dr. and Mrs. Lawn started on an extended automobile tour of the country, driving across the continent and touching in many of the eastern and midwestern states, and upon their return drove down into Mexico. They carried on their initial practical experience as chiropractic practitioners in Davenport and Rock Island, Illinois, where they remained until 1920, when they disposed of their interests there and returned to California, locating in Watsonville in November of that year.

Dr. Lawn has ever been recognized as one of the real leaders in the movement which eventually terminated in the passage of a law enabling chiropractic practitioners to carry on their professional activities in California under official license and regulation. It was he who was in charge of that memorable campaign in this behalf which brought about the formation of a monster parade of chiropractors and their friends, starting in Watsonville on November 6, 1922, and ending in Berkeley. When the state board for the licensing of chiropractors finally was established in California the first license in this behalf in Santa Cruz county was issued to Dr. Lawn, not in recognition of his inestimable service to the profession, but on account of efficiency. He is now the only licensed chiropractic physician in Watsonville.

It was in 1909, in San Jose, that Dr. Lawn was united in marriage to Miss Lula E. Wells of that city and to this union two children have been born: A daughter, Marjorie; and a son, Wilbur Ray Lawn. Dr. and Mrs. Lawn have a pleasant home in Watsonville and take an interested part in the city's general social activities. They have a well appointed office and in following their profession together make a most effective partnership. Dr. Lawn is an enthusiastic sportsman and is the president (1925) of the Pajaro Valley Fish and Game Protective Association and has been since its organization. He is a member of the local branch of the Young Men's Christian Association and is also affiliated with the Woodmen of the World.

ROY LISK.

An experienced, enterprising and accommodating electrician is Roy Lisk, who is conducting a battery station at Salinas and also does automotive electric repairing. He was born near Soledad, Monterey county, at what is now Fort Romie, June 29, 1890, the son of David C. and Catherine (Bennett) Lisk, the former a native of Monterey county, and the latter of Yolo county, and both still living to witness their son's success. The former farmed for a while near King City in early days, when the country looked very different from the sight it presents today, and later, for nineteen years, he was an agriculturist in the Jolon valley in Monterey county. At present he is cultivating a farm about twenty-one miles northeast of Fairfield, in Solano county, highly esteemed by all who know him. Two sons made up the family: Roy and Clar-

ence C., who is also farming in Solano county. David C. Lisk is a member of the Foresters of America, at King City and was formerly an active member of the Monterey County Farm Bureau.

Roy Lisk attended the Oasis school, near King City, and also went to school in the Bernabe district and in the Franklin district in the Jolon valley. In 1910 he was graduated with honors from the Wilmerding School of Industrial Arts at San Francisco, after completing a four-year electrical course and while there, he and other students made and installed a complete telephone service for the schools. After his graduation he worked for a year on the home ranch in Monterey county and in 1911 came to Salinas, working for eight years in the Salinas Garage. In 1919 he established himself in business and now has the agency for the Philadelphia Diamond Grid Battery, making a specialty of battery and other electrical work. Having established a reputation in various places as a progressive, absolutely dependable expert, Roy Lisk is never at a loss for work, and generally has reason to complain of being too much in demand.

When he married, Mr. Lisk took for his wife Miss Blanche Edna Condon, a native of Salinas and a member of a pioneer family, and they now have two sons: Rodney Bennett and Stanley Robert. Mr. Lisk belongs to Salinas Lodge, No. 614, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His life of industry and thrift makes for progress and success and he is now widely and favorably known in Salinas.

FLOYD B. RICE, D. D. S.

Earnest, thorough and conscientious, Dr. Floyd B. Rice has become firmly established in public regard as an able exponent of his profession, and his connection with the dental fraternity of Watsonville has brought to it additional prestige. He was born November 29, 1890, in Dixon, Solano county, California, and is a son of John H. and Elma (Scott) Rice, both representatives of honored pioneer families of the state. The father was a successful financier and served for many years as cashier of the Bank of Dixon, enjoying the distinction of being the youngest man in the state to hold that office. He has passed away but the mother survives. Her father, G. W. Scott, crossed the plains to California in 1849 and was one of the early settlers of Yolo county.

Dr. Rice obtained his early instruction in the Dixon grammar school and afterward completed a course in the Chico high school. He next attended the University of California and after leaving that institution entered the College of Physicians & Surgeons at San Francisco, from which he was graduated with the class of 1913, winning the degree of D. D. S. He began his professional career in Fresno, California, and in 1918 came to Watsonville, where he has since made his home. He has equipped his office with the most modern appliances and possesses the mechanical skill and ingenuity so necessary to the successful dentist. He enjoys a large practice, and his profession claims his undivided attention.

On August 2, 1916, Dr. Rice married Miss Edna A. Brink, a native of Butte county, California, and they now have a daughter, Floydene. Dr. Rice belongs to the Dixon Lodge of Masons and the Woodland Lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is first vice president of the Exchange Club of Watsonville and one of its charter members. He represents the third generation of the family in California and is one of the state's most loyal sons, being thoroughly appreciative of the many advantages and attractions of this favored region.

WILLIAM C. WAIBEL.

Among the educators of Monterey and adjacent counties, the name of William C. Waibel, principal of the King city high school, is well known. He was born at San Jose, California, January 15, 1885. His father, John Waibel, came to California from Minnesota, and his mother, whose maiden name was Rebecca McGee, was

a native of Pennsylvania. She came to the Pacific coast by way of the Isthmus of Panama while the Civil war was in progress, being at that time only seven years of age. John Waibel came to California in 1870 and was for years engaged in business as a cattleman and cement contractor.

William C. Waibel received his early education in the common and high schools of his native city. He then attended normal school and later enrolled as a student at the Leland Stanford University. It was the original intention for him to go to Vienna, Austria, to become a surgeon, as his uncle, Henry Waibel, was at the head of a famous institution in that city. Circumstances changed this plan and at the age of eighteen years he began teaching school, first in country and private schools, attending summer schools in the meantime. He then taught at Santa Barbara, Alameda, Pleasanton and Benecia before coming to King City, with occasional terms at the university as opportunity offered. He has been at the head of the King City high school since 1922.

From 1903 to 1909 Mr. Waibel was considered the champion all round athlete of the Pacific coast. In 1903 he broke two world's records as a bicycle rider—first, a straight-away road race of one mile, paced time, in one minute and twenty-six seconds at San Jose, and one hundred miles on a mile track in five hours. He rode the ten miles from Oakland to Hayward in twenty-one minutes and thirteen seconds, and made one mile from a standing start in two minutes and three seconds. While at Santa Clara College he played baseball, and at Leland Stanford he was a member of the Varsity football team. In fact he participated in all athletic sports (except golf), with a standing above the average in all.

At the age of twenty-four years Mr. Waibel returned to college and settled down to work in earnest, with the result that in 1919 the University of California conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts. During his course he specialized, or "majored," in history and education, and "minored" in English and science. Had it not been for his activity in athletics he could have received his degree in 1909. While he thus lost some time in his studies the loss has been an advantage to him in building up his physique, and today Mr. Waibel is a splendid example of "a sound mind in a sound body"—a combination sadly lacking in many of his fellow countrymen.

Wherever Mr. Waibel has been located he has taken an interest in affairs. At Benicia he was president of the Red Cross and the forum department of the Chamber of Commerce. Since coming to King City he was vice president of the Red Cross until the work of that organization was centralized at the county seat. He is a prominent figure in Masonic circles and is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. In the university he won a membership in the honor fraternity of the Phi Delta Kappa. Mr. Waibel has never married.

HUGH W. JUDD.

Hugh W. Judd, a lifelong resident of Watsonville, is filling the office of postmaster and ably discharges the duties intrusted to his care. He was born November 28, 1878, and is a son of Albert W. and Caroline (Williamson) Judd, the former a native of North Lee, Berkshire county, Massachusetts, and the latter of Boone county, Illinois. The father left Chicago in 1865 and sought the opportunities of the Golden state, settling in the Pajaro valley. He had learned the painter's trade, which he followed in Watsonville for many years, but in 1894 turned his attention to fruit raising, realizing the fact that this industry was destined to become of paramount importance to the state. He was one of the first men in the valley to set out an apple orchard and became one of the most progressive fruit growers in Santa Cruz county, proving the value of scientific methods and systematic work in promoting productiveness. His well directed industry has been rewarded by a substantial measure of success, and he still owns his fruit ranch but is now living retired, having reached the ripe age of eighty-two years. He belongs to Pajaro Lodge, No. 90, I. O. O. F., and also to the Encampment. He is the father of three children: Hugh W., Mrs. Carrie B. Wood and Oswald B., all of whom are residents of Watsonville.

Mr. Judd attended the local schools, taking a commercial course in high school,

HUGH W. JUDD

and afterward read law in the office of Attorney Frank Murphy, but decided that his talents lay in another direction. He served three years' apprenticeship to the plumber's trade and in 1900 entered the employ of the government, becoming a clerk in the Watsonville post office. He was made acting postmaster June 20, 1921, and on January 21, 1922, received the appointment of postmaster from President Harding. For a quarter of a century Mr. Judd has been identified with the operation of this office, of which he has acquired a highly specialized knowledge, and his promotion was the reward of years of faithful and efficient service. He has simplified the work, which is performed with speed and accuracy, and is regarded as one of the best postmasters who have ever served the residents of Watsonville.

On September 30, 1908, Mr. Judd married Miss Jessica T. Tynan, a daughter of James Tynan, one of the pioneer agriculturists of the Pajaro valley. Mr. Judd is a York Rite Mason and a Noble of the Islam Temple of the Mystic Shrine at San Francisco. He is serving on the advisory board of the Watsonville Exchange Club and is a past exalted ruler of the Elks Lodge, No. 1300, of which he is also a charter member. He was instrumental in promoting the Watsonville Golf and Country Club, which has a course two and a half miles south of town, comprising one hundred and thirty acres. He is widely and favorably known in the Pajaro valley and possesses many admirable traits of character, as his fellow citizens attest.

THOMAS A. OAKES.

A building contractor whose success is undoubtedly traceable to his high character and the application of a past valuable experience to the problems entrusted to him by his patrons is Thomas A. Oakes, of Santa Cruz. Born at Boston, Massachusetts, February 12, 1857, he is a son of Moses and Margaret (Wallace) Oakes, the former a native of England, and the latter of Boston, and both now deceased. Mr. Oakes died when his son Thomas was about four months old and Mrs. Oakes passed away in 1921.

Following the death of her husband, Mrs. Oakes brought her son to California in the summer of 1857, via the Isthmus of Panama, and the boy was reared at Susanville, Lassen county, until he was twelve years of age. Then he learned the trade of cabinetmaking and woodworking in the furniture shop of W. S. Chadburn, in San Francisco, and when he was a young man he located at Reno, Nevada, where he was in the furniture, upholstering and undertaking business for himself for ten years. Returning to Susanville, he remained for twelve years in the upholstering business there, and then located at Richmond, California, where he engaged in building operations. He erected the Neal block, the first public hall built in Richmond, the Pottery Works, and various buildings in Howard, Mission, Larkin and California streets. He has made his home in Santa Cruz since 1912. He was superintendent of construction on the largest pottery plant in the state, the West Coast Porcelain Manufacturing Company's plant at Burlingame, San Mateo county, a work requiring three and one-half years of his supervision. The structure is six hundred feet long, and largely stands today as a monument to his skill and ability. One kiln was also six hundred feet in length and cost sixty thousand dollars to build. His building operations in 1890-91 included one hundred cottages in Ogden, Utah. He built the Live Oaks school in Santa Cruz county, the first brick schoolhouse in the district. In Carmel he also built the new post office, and a modern two-story apartment and store building, also of brick which he owns. In recent years he has built and sold houses in Santa Cruz county, and he put up a number of homes in the Chris Johnson tract and the Wilson tract, which are in the chicken-raising district, where he has also built extensive chicken houses, housing from eight hundred to one thousand chickens. His work is likewise to be seen in the Parkway district.

On the 27th of April, 1887, Mr. Oakes was married, at Reno, Nevada, to Miss Abbie E. Nash, of Lexington, Michigan, and they have one daughter, Margaret Elizabeth in high school. Mr. Oakes is a past grand in Eclipse Lodge, No. 403, I. O. O. F. of Richmond, California, and he has been an Odd Fellow since 1877. Mrs. Oakes has been identified with the Rebekahs for twenty-three years and held office in the order

while at Susanville. They are highly respected residents of Santa Cruz and the sterling traits of character which they have displayed in all the relations of life have won for them many friends.

WILLIAM GEORGE HUDSON.

William George Hudson, a lawyer practicing at the bar of Monterey, was born in the Pajaro valley, in Monterey county, June 27, 1877, the son of William G. and Luella D. Kittredge, mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Hudson attended both the grammar and the high schools of Watsonville, and was duly graduated from the latter, in 1896. He entered Stanford University in 1897 and in 1901 had the satisfaction of receiving the coveted Bachelor of Arts degree from that famous institution. In the same year, he was admitted to the bar, and opened an office where he was best known, in Watsonville, where two years later, to the satisfaction of the community, he was appointed assistant district attorney under the Hon. Fred Treat. There he continued for four years and in 1907 came to Monterey, where he has since engaged in professional work, his practice steadily increasing in volume and importance as the years pass by.

Mr. Hudson was married at Salinas, February 24, 1906, to Miss Virginia Zabala, who passed away on the 11th of March, 1924, leaving five children: William L., Isabel Maria, Virginia Louise, Manuela Mercedes and Ana Teresa. Mr. Hudson belongs to the Elks, in which organization he is deservedly popular, but he is decidedly a home man. He is a republican in politics and stands for all that the party of Lincoln, Roosevelt and Coolidge ever professed and accomplished. He holds to high ideals in citizenship, earnestly supporting all measures for the public good, and is equally active and loyal to the interests of his clients, so that he enjoys an enviable reputation as a citizen, and as a lawyer.

FRED C. RUSSELL.

Fred C. Russell, one of the more recent additions to the citizenship of Watsonville, has proven a valuable acquisition to the community and fills an important place in its industrial life, doing artistic work in marble and granite. He was born January 21, 1871, in McDonough county, Illinois, and from the age of eleven years has lived on the Pacific coast. He spent three years in Oregon and in 1885 arrived in Marysville, Yuba county, California, where he completed his schooling. He remained in Marysville until he reached his majority and in 1892 located in Raymond, Madera county, California, where he served an apprenticeship to the stone-cutter's trade, working for the Raymond Granite Company. In 1898 he went to San Francisco and continued in the employ of the Raymond Granite Company until 1902, when he embarked in business for himself in that city. He conducted the undertaking until 1911, when he discontinued the business and resumed work at his trade, which he followed in San Francisco for about ten years.

In 1921 Mr. Russell came to Watsonville and purchased his present plant from C. M. Neal. It is thoroughly modern and fully equipped for stone-cutting. The business is conducted under the name of the Watsonville Marble & Granite Works .and since Mr. Russell assumed control of the industry it has developed rapidly. He carries a large stock of California and Vermont granite and the finest quality of marble. He has built four mausoleums in Watsonville and also did the marble work on the new front of the Rappe jewelry store on Main street, the finest mercantile establishment in the city. For lettering he uses the sand blast, the latest invention and a great improvement over the old method. Mr. Russell has an expert knowledge of the business, gained from years of experience and careful study, and is also the possessor of executive force and mature judgment.

On August 3, 1891, Mr. Russell married Miss Margaret Ann Coughran, a native of Mariposa county and a granddaughter of one of the '49ers who came to California

in search of gold. To this union has been born a son, J. Marvin Russell, who is manager of the San Francisco office of the Veterans Welfare Bureau.

Mr. Russell is a Master Mason and is also identified with the Scioto, the Yeomen, the Elks and the Woodmen of the World. He manifests a deep interest in municipal advancement and to this end has become allied with the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants Association. While working in San Francisco he made his home in San Bruno, San Mateo county, and aided in incorporating the town, also serving on its board of trustees. Mr. Russell has always dealt honorably with his fellowmen, and his career teaches the world the ever valuable lesson that true success comes only through tireless industry, guided and inspired by singleness of purpose.

ROLLIN REEVES, M. D.

On the 28th of July, 1887, Dr. Rollin Reeves was born at Johnson City, Tennessee, a son of William R. and Mary (Murphy) Reeves. For at least four generations the Reeves family has been identified with the affairs and the development of the resources of eastern Tennessee. Doctor Reeves' great-grandfather and grandfather were both natives of the state. The latter was William P. Reeves, whom old residents recall as an active and influential citizen. William R. Reeves, the Doctor's father, has also been keenly interested in public matters and is at present (1924) a member of the Tennessee legislature.

Rollin Reeves attended the local schools in his boyhood. After completing the high school course he took the academic course in Emory and Henry College, and received his degree of M. D. from the medical department of Vanderbilt University at Nashville in 1912. He then was for a time an interne in Vanderbilt Hospital, after which he attended clinics in New York city and at the Mayo Brothers' institution in Rochester, Minnesota. In 1913 he came to Salinas, California, and the same year was made physician and surgeon for the Spreckels interests. In 1916 he was appointed county physician and while holding this position he entered the Medical Corps of the United States army. In August, 1918, he went to France as surgeon of the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Field Artillery and was attached to the hospital of Desouge, France, until December of that year. Then the regiment was ordered home and he was mustered out at the Presidio, San Francisco, in January, 1919.

Returning to Salinas he resumed the practice of his profession. In 1922 the Salinas Valley Hospital was opened by him and his brother, Dr. Wiley Reeves, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. This institution is conducted along modern lines, well equipped, and deserves the large patronage it is receiving.

Dr. Reeves is a member of the Salinas Chamber of Commerce, the Exchange Club, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the American Legion, in all of which he is deservedly popular because of his progressive ideas and genial disposition. In 1919 he was united in marriage with Miss Jean Arline Abbott, daughter of Harvey Abbott and a lineal descendant of Carlyle Stewart Abbott, one of Salinas' pioneers. Two children have come to bless this union—Marylin, born August 7, 1920, and William Abbott, born January 7, 1924.

WILLIAM A. BUCKHART.

William A. Buckhart is a member of the enterprising firm of Buckhart Brothers, confectioners of Santa Cruz. Associated with his brother, Harry C. Buckhart he has built up a business of gratifying proportions and their patronage is steadily increasing. William A. Buckhart was born at Junction City, Kansas, April 25, 1872, the son of John and Amanda (Walker) Buckhart, the former now deceased, while the latter is living at the age of seventy-eight, the mother of six children still surviving—James W., William A., Charles M., Richard, Harry and Lulu. The last two were born in California to which state the family came in 1879, locating in the

Pajaro valley, where the father followed lumbering and also had a sawmill, which he continued to manage until the time of his retirement.

William A. Buckhart, the second child in point of birth, attended the Pajaro district schools and the Chesterwoods' Business College at Santa Cruz, after which he followed the sawmill business, later becoming bookkeeper for the Tuttle Company, of Watsonville. For seven years he was assistant postmaster of Watsonville under Postmaster T. M. Wright. The Buckhart Brothers started in the candy trade in Watsonville some twenty years ago with a capital of two thousand dollars, with which they purchased the business of John McCallum, and in 1921 they bought out the candy business of the Russell Company in Santa Cruz, where their candy factory is located. Besides the Santa Cruz store and factory, they maintain branch stores in Watsonville and Hollister, the latter being conducted under the firm name of Buckhart & Dooley. William A. and Harry C. Buckhart conduct the factory and store in Santa Cruz and Richard L. Buckhart the store in Watsonville, and they employ twenty hands the year around. Their wholesale trade and plant have grown amazingly of late, and now they do an annual business of not less than one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. When they started in Watsonville, the two brothers did all the business with the assistance of a girl clerk on Saturdays and Sundays, so that the contrast today is rather striking. The retail store in Santa Cruz is one of the most attractive stores in the city, especially during the hours when light lunches are being served. They specialize in French creams and fruit, and their trademark, a figure of a deer over a heart, is on all their boxes. Their products are sold all over California and are strictly of the finest quality.

Mr. Buckhart married Miss Nellie Irelan, a daughter of the late Dr. Lambert Irelan, pioneer physician of Watsonville, California, where Mrs. Buckhart was born. She has become the mother of one son, now a student at the University of California. Mr. Buckhart is a member of the Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Woodmen of the World and all branches of the Odd Fellows, and enjoys the high regard of his brethren in these fraternities while in business circles he has won the confidence, good will and liberal support of the general public.

W. C. GRETTER.

A well known druggist whose valuable experience and timely enterprise have proven of real service to the community in which he is so active is W. C. Gretter, of the firm of Long & Gretter. He was born at Woodbridge, San Joaquin county, California, July 13, 1872, the son of George W. and L. P. (Smith) Gretter. The father, a sturdy pioneer who came from Virginia to California in 1869, farmed for a while near Woodbridge, and then removed to Watsonville. For nine years he was principal of the Pacific Grove grammar school, and he also became prominent in the democratic circles of Monterey county. Both parents are now deceased, resting from their earthly labors after having well served their day and generation.

W. C. Gretter attended the public schools of Monterey county and when he was seventeen, accompanied his family to Pacific Grove. He was one of three members that made up the first class to graduate from the Pacific Grove grammar school,—a class at present memorable, as it is the only class of which every member is still living. Ambitious to climb still higher, young Gretter matriculated at the University of California, and still later was graduated from the Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois.

Returning to Monterey, California, he joined J. F. Moore in the drug trade; next entered the service of John Archer; and then for a while was with Mrs. Glass. In 1901 he purchased the store at Pacific Grove, in partnership with Mr. Long, which connection continues to the present time. Since then he has played an important part in the local drug field, maintaining one of the best equipped and best managed business concerns in the county.

Mr. Gretter was married to Miss Gertrude A. Rich, of Boston, who came to Pacific Grove as a girl and was reared here. They have one daughter, Jenniebelle. Mr. Gretter is an Odd Fellow and has passed through all the chairs of that fraternal

society. He is also active and popular as an Elk. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and he is interested in all vital public questions but has never been an office seeker. He is fond of hunting and fishing, and turns to these for recreation but the major part of his time is given to his business affairs with the result that his labors are attended with growing success.

CAREY H. BAKER.

Watsonville is a monument to the aggregate labors of many enterprising business men, among whom is Carey H. Baker, the outstanding figure in the development of the fruit industry of the Pajaro valley and known throughout California as an authority on matters pertaining thereto. He was born near Winters, in Solano county, this state, April 16, 1875, and his parents, William and Margaret (Hanna) Baker, were both natives of Missouri. In 1864 the father settled in Solano county, becoming one of its pioneer fruit growers, and he was also a successful banker. He was a strong champion of the cause of education and served for forty years as president of the high school board of Winters, accomplishing much valuable work in that connection. He was identified with the Masonic order and filled an important place in the life of his community, enjoying the esteem of many friends.

Carey H. Baker received his early instruction in the public schools of Yolo county and afterward attended the Hesperian College at Woodland, California. In 1892, when a young man of seventeen, he gained his first knowledge of the fruit industry, with which he has since been identified, and years of experience, study and concentrated effort have made him an expert in this line of work. He was first employed by the National Fruit Company, later becoming connected with the Green & Dried Fruit Company, both of Winters, and during this time was manager of his father's orchards. In 1898 he entered the service of the Guggenheim Company of San Francisco and afterward was associated with the Earl Fruit Company in the green fruit business. In 1900 he came to Watsonville in the interests of the last named firm, and in 1903 he became a representative of the Simpson & Hackett Company, a Los Angeles corporation. In 1904 Mr. Baker founded the Loma Fruit Company of Watsonville, becoming its manager, and in 1913 the fruit growers of the Pajaro valley formed an association. They retained the name of the Loma Fruit Company and Mr. Baker was chosen its manager for a term of ten years. On the expiration of that period the fifty fruit growers comprising the association showed their appreciation of his services by asking him to renew the contract for a similar length of time and he is still managing the affairs of the organization, of which he is also one of the directors. This constitutes but one phase of his work, however, for his administrative power and exceptional business ability are manifest in the conduct of other corporations of a like nature, and all have received notable impetus from his constructive efforts. He is manager of the Watsonville Vegetable Fruit Growers Association; the C. H. Baker Evaporating Company of Santa Clara; the Hihn Orchard Company of Aptos, which owns one of the finest fruit ranches in the county; and Baker Brothers of Watsonville. He is also serving as president of the Pajaro Valley Packers & Shippers Association, is one of the directors of the Pajaro Valley Investment Company, and the president of the Appleton Investment Company, owners of the Appleton Hotel and Theatre. Mr. Baker is an indefatigable worker and to the solution of the many complex problems constantly presented to him he brings to bear the poise, the vision, the decisiveness and intellectual strength which characterize the man of large affairs.

On December 9, 1905, Mr. Baker married Miss Myrtle Harrold, a native of Missouri, and they have become the parents of five children: W. Harry, Robert C., Lyman P., Jack H. and Virginia. Mr. Baker is a blue lodge Mason and belongs to Watsonville Lodge, No. 1300, of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Pajaro Valley Chamber of Commerce and served as its president in 1922 and 1923. He is president of the Boy Scouts Association of Santa Cruz county and does all in his power to broaden the scope of an organization of paramount importance to the nation, an epoch-making movement for character building and good

citizenship. Mr. Baker belongs to that public-spirited and helpful type of men whose energies are directed into those channels through which flow the greatest and most permanent good to the greatest number, and measured by the standard of usefulness, his life has been a very successful one.

M. R. LUNT.

M. R. Lunt, manager of the Soledad plant of the United Milk Company, was born at Springfield, Illinois, November 17, 1880, and is of English and Scotch extraction, His paternal ancestry moved from the state of Maine to Illinois at a comparatively early date. A few years after the close of the Civil war his father went to Chicago, where he became one of the banking firm of Lunt & Keane. . He was one of the founders of the Northwestern University at Evanston, a suburb of Chicago, and the Lunt library at Evanston is his gift to that municipality. The great Chicago fire of October, 1871, brought reverses to his banking house and he removed to Springfield. Some years later he decided to take Horace Greeley's advice and "Go west." For a number of years he was right-of-way man for the coast division of the Southern Pacific Railroad, and during a large part of his life on the coast he was an inspector for the New York Life Insurance Company. He lived to the ripe old age of ninety-two years.

M. R. Lunt's mother, whose maiden name was Jennie Chase, was a daughter of Salmon P. Chase, who was chief justice of the United States supreme court during the greater part of President Lincoln's administration. Three brothers named Chase came over on the Mayflower and the family is one of the oldest in America. Mrs. Lunt died at the age of eighty-six years. M. R. Lunt is next to the youngest of twelve children born to his parents, who also adopted three children.

The subject of this sketch, like other American boys, acquired his elementary education in the public schools. He was graduated in the chemical course at the Northwestern University and came to California with his parents. Soon after his arrival in the state he entered the employ of the United Milk Company as a chemist. He was then engaged for five years as a chemical engineer at Summerland, after which he returned to the milk company and is now manager of the plant at Soledad, which handles about ten thousand gallons of milk daily. It is cooled to a temperature of thirty-three degrees and shipped to San Francisco in thermos tanks mounted on auto trucks, arriving there at a temperature of thirty-six degrees. The company is one of the largest concerns of its kind on the Pacific coast and has won numerous first prizes at state fairs for the purity of its product, lowest bacteria count, etc. This is largely due to soil and climatic conditions, which conduce to perfect sanitation.

Mr. Lunt is president of the Soledad Chamber of Commerce, vice president of the Soledad Mercantile Corporation, a Master Mason, a Son of the American Revolution, a member of the Druids Circle and a society of chemical engineers. He is also president of the Soledad school board and the California Building Association, of Oakland, a director of the Monterey County Economy League and a Granger. When it was decided to rebuild the old Soledad Mission he was placed in charge of the work, and he has been active in other ways for the promotion of the civic welfare of the city. He married Miss Nellie Quinn, of Oakland, a daughter of Stephen Quinn, who was one of the "49ers" and a member of the celebrated vigilance committee of San Francisco, which marked the beginning of law and order on the coast.

WAUKESHA WATER OF CALIFORNIA.

Widely famous among the most beneficial natural attractions of Santa Cruz county is undoubtedly the wonderful Waukesha Water of California, discovered and developed by George W. Hawes, a native of Connecticut, who came west to Iowa and then to Dakota, and from the latter state he continued on until he reached Santa Cruz about 1904. For a number of years he was prominent as a real estate operator here,

and then it fell to his good fortune to discover the qualities of a health-giving water whose properties are such that many have journeyed from far to enjoy the benefits available here.

The Breakers, at Bonanza Beach—the finest beach, by-the-way, on the Pacific coast, where there is no undertow and children of eight are safe without attendants—is the home of the Golden Waukesha Water of California, the mythical fountain of youth, a subterranean stream discovered, as has been said, by Mr. Hawes of 28 Wood street, when boring through the rocky crust near the bay. Soft as the snow water lakes at its source, this subterranean stream flowing from high mountain lakes through the deep caverns of the earth and through mines of pitch blend, radium, carbonates, and many other undiscovered curatives, enters the bay of Monterey under a ledge of rocks one hundred feet below sea-level. At that depth, the rock was broken through, and the water came bubbling up away above sea-level. Subsequent use of this water proves it to be a substantial remedy for all microbe or intestinal germ diseases, from drinking poisonous running waters and seepages from pools, with their millions of germs to the inch, causing eczema, stomach troubles and all sorts of diseases. Just what this marvelous water contains may be seen from the official, scientific analysis made by Abbott A. Hanks, chemist, assayer and metallurgist, of 624 Sacramento street, San Francisco, who says that radium causes the water to be sufficiently radio-active to produce favorable results. The water is, therefore, valuable as a therapeutic agent, according to Dr. Horace T. Dodge, of 608 Fifty-sixth street, Oakland. Chemist Hanks says that there are 2,886 grains of insoluble silica, 0.087 grains of ferrie and allumine oxide, 1.189 grains of calcium sulphate, 0.215 grains of magnesium sulphate, 2.507 grains of calcium carbonate, 2.600 grains of magnesium carbonate, 0.513 grains of calcium chloride, 1.487 grains of sodium carbonate, 4.717 grains of sodium chloride and 1.178 grains of organic and volatile matter. The radium in solution being natural in this water, it is the finest table water on earth, and may safely be taken in quantity.

HON. WILLIAM G. HUDSON.

Few men, in the arena of public life, have accomplished more, deserved better, and enjoyed as much of the esteem and confidence of their fellowmen as the late William G. Hudson, long a distinguished attorney of Monterey. A native of Michigan, he was born in 1838. His father was Mark Hudson, a man of uncommon worth, who had married Miss Anna E. Baldwin.

As early as 1852 William G. Hudson came to California, and from 1853 to 1859 lived in Placer county. He was an energetic young man, who from the time he attained his majority, made his home in the Pajaro valley, to which he removed with his mother in 1859. There he early bought three hundred acres of land, which he cultivated very successfully making his place a highly improved and valuable tract. In time he was elected a director of the Bank of Watsonville and of the Watsonville Savings Bank—these positions of responsibility speaking for his business ability and enviable standing in the community. He was also a director and a vice president of the Pajaro Valley Board of Trade, and vice president and director of the Watsonville Creamery. More than that, to crown his career and enable him to render the greatest possible service to the commonwealth, in 1894 his fellow citizens elected him to the state assembly, where he served with signal ability during the session of 1895, and such was his record that two years later he was reelected in a manner plainly indicating the warm endorsement by his fellow-voters of all that he had previously done as a legislator.

During the centennial year of the republic—1876—Mr. Hudson was married to Miss Luella Kittredge, and they became parents of five children: William George, mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Thomas Swan, Mabel E., Robert H. and Frederick Cass Hudson. Mr. Hudson was a Mason, having membership in Lodge No. 110, F. & A. M.; Temple Chapter, No. 41, R. A. M.; and Watsonville Commandery, No. 22, K. T. He was past master of the lodge, past high priest of the chapter and prelate of the commandery for a number of years, and at the time of his death, on November

16, 1901, he held the office of generalissimo. He was ever loyal to the teachings of the order and his life at all times measured up to high standards of manhood and citizenship.

WILLIAM BARDIN.

A pioneer whose memory posterity will always cherish was the late William Bardin, a native of Mississippi, his birth having occurred in Tippah county, January 31, 1843. His parents were James and Lucinda Bardin, an estimable couple enjoying the good will and confidence of a wide circle of friends. The lad was thirteen years old when he came with his parents to Monterey county, California, where he finished his schooling and assisted his father in farming, the latter having become a large landowner in this favored section of the Golden state. Later William Bardin was engaged in mercantile business in Monterey until his marriage and then moved to the ranch at Blanco in 1877. In this enterprise, as in all he undertook, he met with reasonable success.

On March 29, 1871, Mr. Bardin was married to Mrs. Mary Ann Collins Stone, also a native of Tippah county, Mississippi, born June 16, 1848. Two of their six children are now living: Ada May, at home, and Oliver P., who is a grain farmer in Monterey county. Another son, John C. Bardin, is deceased. Twins, Benjamin Alva and James Albert, both are deceased, and William Walter, died when four years of age. As a democrat, Mr. Bardin was prominent in political circles, and he often served as a delegate to both county and state conventions. In an early day he was also county recorder of Monterey county, proving a capable official.

On the death of her husband, on February 9, 1891, Mrs. Bardin took charge of the home ranch, and although never ambitious of such a role, she proved herself, perhaps through necessity, a fine business woman. She superintended the growing and the marketing of the crops, and having cleared the ranch from all debt, she is now the proud possessor of what her husband so admirably organized and partly developed. Thus the community, so fortunate in attracting and holding this thoroughly American family, has found pleasure in honoring an exceptional couple, each gifted in a manner and to a degree that has worked for the public weal as well as their own good.

A right hand to her affectionate mother, Miss Ada May Bardin is also favorably known in and about Salinas, being active in the First Baptist church of the city, where she is financial secretary. She also takes a commendable part in the work of the Sunday school and in this manner widely extending the good influence of her parents, in their own day always a power in social and religious circles.

H. F. FANEUF.

A plumber who thoroughly understands the conditions that have made twentieth century plumbing, and twentieth century users of plumbers' products and work quite another story as compared to that of only a few years ago, is H. F. Faneuf, of 21 Walnut avenue, Santa Cruz. He carries a full stock of stoves, gas appliances and plumber supplies and novelties, and those who have longest dealt with him know best how to appreciate his dependable service.

A native son now well acquainted with Californians and their ways, he was born at Blanco, Monterey county, May 29, 1874, his parents being E. R. and Nancy (Beaver) Faneuf, the former a native of Canada, the latter of Missouri. Mr. Faneuf crossed the border and came to California in early days, going first to New Castle and afterward to Blanco, where he engaged in blacksmithing and wagon making. Later he removed to Castroville, where he died in 1882. Mrs. Faneuf, mother of H. F. Faneuf, crossed the plains with her parents in 1852 and her father, who was a mason, built the first brick house in Santa Rosa—a structure that is still standing. Seven children were born to this worthy couple and four are still living—E. H., Sam C., J. R. and H. F.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM BARDIN

The last named attended the Blanco and the Salinas schools and found his first employment in a pump and engine shop in San Francisco. On September 1, 1890, he came to Santa Cruz and here learned the trade of plumbing in an apprenticeship under Ed C. Abraham. He then followed his trade in San Jose and Oakland, and on his return to Santa Cruz took up farming for three years at the Twin Lakes. He next worked at his trade in Santa Cruz with Byrne Brothers and on February 2, 1902, set up business for himself there. He has recently added gas appliances to his stock in trade and now carries a good line of gas water-heaters, space heaters and gas stoves, etc., in addition to his plumbing stock.

Mr. Faneuf was married on October 23, 1895, at Santa Cruz, to Miss Theresa Johans. They have three children: Forest E. and Charles H., employed by their father, and Christine, now the wife of E. L. Bardwell. From 1906 to 1908 Mr. Faneuf was a member of the city council of Santa Cruz, and is now on the board of park commissioners. He is a past grand in Santa Cruz Lodge, No. 96, I. O. O. F., and belongs to Santa Cruz Lodge, No. 824, B. P. O. E. He also is affiliated with Santa Cruz Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West.

MANUEL S. PERRY.

Manuel S. Perry, the superintendent of streets at Monterey is a wide-awake, progressive public official whose efficiency has brought him enviable popularity in the whole-hearted support of his fellow-citizens. He was born at Alvacado, Alameda county, California, July 26, 1877, the son of Antone and Frances Perry, natives of the balmy Azores, who arrived in Monterey in 1902 and early adapted themselves to the free institutions of the country they had come so far to help develop.

Having removed with his parents to Santa Clara county, Manuel S. Perry attended the excellent local schools. He was a wide-awake boy and he not only got all he could from the day-school teachers but attended night school as well. While still a youth, he found employment with J. W. Williams in San Jose, in the building of sidewalks and streets, working for a dollar a day and his board. He early learned the value of industry and economy and as time advanced steadily worked his way upward. For the past twelve years, he has been in the service of the city of Monterey, part of that time acting as inspector, while in 1917 he was made superintendent of streets. Since then notable advancement has been made in the bettering of the public thoroughfares. In fact all the late improvements in the streets of Monterey have been made under Mr. Perry's supervision, and it is understood that his progressive spirit will continue the good work until the streets are second to none in the entire state. He has been able to introduce a number of innovations of his own that road-makers elsewhere have for some time watched with peculiar interest and time is proving the value of his ideas and methods.

Mr. Perry married Miss Laura Walker, a native of Watsonville, and their family now numbers four children; Elmer, Meline, Lucile and Elenore. Mr. Perry belongs to the Eagles, and he is also an enthusiastic member of the Native Sons of the Golden West. He is a republican in matters of national political moment, but non-partisan when it comes to putting his shoulder to the wheel and working for the highest attainable for the community in which he lives.

GORDON ERRETT.

Gordon Errett, a live factor in automobile circles of Watsonville, is one of the desirable citizens whom Canada has furnished to the United States, and the salient features of his success are enterprise, perseverance and a determination of purpose that has invariably enabled him to attain his objective. He was born October 6, 1884, at Chatham, in the province of Ontario, and when sixteen years of age came to the States. He completed a course in bookkeeping and was employed in that capacity in Detroit, Michigan; Cleveland, Ohio; and other cities. He arrived in San Francisco,

California, in 1907 and next went to the Hawaiian islands, where he spent six years, filling the position of bookkeeper on a sugar plantation.

In 1920 Mr. Errett came to Watsonville and started in business for himself, purchasing the Buick agency from the E. B. Terry Company. At that time the sales were very small, but entering with zeal and enthusiasm upon his work, Mr. Errett put new life into the business, which has developed rapidly under his able management. In the past two years he has sold more Buicks in Watsonville than the combined sales of all other dealers here handling machines priced at more than one thousand dollars. He recently increased the scope of his activities by the acquisition of the Cadillac agency, and he now has the largest sales rooms and repair shop in Watsonville. He has outdistanced all competitors and enjoys the enviable distinction of being the leading automobile dealer in the city. Mr. Errett is also numbered among the progressive horticulturists of Santa Cruz county and is developing a fine pear orchard in the valley, utilizing modern, scientific methods in the cultivation of his fruit ranch.

On July 14, 1920, Mr. Errett married Miss Elsie Chalmers, and they have become the parents of two children, John Peter and Agnes Jane. Mr. Errett is a Mason, belonging to Watsonville Lodge, No. 110, F. & A. M., and is also connected with the local lodge of Elks and with the Exchange Club. He lends the weight of his support to every movement destined to prove of benefit to his city and is recognized as a man of substantial worth, honor and integrity being the keynote of his character.

CHARLES WALTER BARDIN.

Charles Walter Bardin, a ranchman near Blanco, was born where he now lives, April 22, 1891, and is a son of Charles and Rachel (Ryder) Bardin. A sketch of his father appears on another page of this volume. For nearly threescore and ten years the name Bardin has been a prominent one in Monterey county, James Bardin, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, having come from South Carolina to the Salinas valley in 1856, and exercised great influence upon the general welfare.

Charles Walter Bardin received a high school education and has been a ranchman throughout his business career. Upon his marriage to Miss Virginia Vierra of Moss Landing, his father gave him the one hundred and fifty acres on which he now lives, including the old homestead. This is excellent land, all irrigated and subject to cultivation. On June 14, 1917, there was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bardin, a son, Charles Walter, Jr. In addition to his activities upon his ranch, Mr. Bardin is associated with his father in the cattle business, and he is regarded as one of the reliable and successful citizens of Monterey county.

VINCENT V. HUEBEL.

Vincent V. Huebel, the genial proprietor of the Huebel Bakery at 214 Pacific avenue and also of the Mission Bakery, at 16 Pacific avenue, was born in Austria, February 10, 1873, and first saw America when he landed at Castle Garden, New York city, in 1889. He was a poor boy, with just enough money to carry him to Denver, Colorado, but on his arrival in the western capital, he secured employment in shoveling snow from the streets and then went to work in the Glendening candy factory, where he learned the trades of making candy and ice cream. He also learned how to make fancy cakes and fine pastry and in time he became the assistant pastry-cook at the Brown Palace Hotel at Denver. Still later he took up the trade of bread baking and he worked in the leading bakeries of Denver. Unfortunately, he lost all his savings in the panic of 1895, when many of the Denver banks failed, but he worked his way to Fort Worth, Texas, and there found a position as baker in the Worth Hotel, while subsequently he went to the Windsor Hotel, at Dallas, Texas, both hotels having been owned by the same people.

Returning to Denver, Mr. Huebel again worked at his trade there for a time and later went to Silverton, Colorado, for the same purpose, but was taken ill and decided

to come to California for his health. This was in 1900 and he soon secured employment as baker in the Byron Hot Springs Hotel. When that hotel burned, he went to San Francisco, to the service of the Knickerbocker Hotel on Van Ness avenue but he returned to the Byron Hot Springs when the new hotel had been completed. In January, 1902, he arrived at Santa Cruz and became baker at the St. George and the Sea Beach hotels, where he liked it so well that he remained for nine years.

In 1911 Mr. Huebel established business on his own account by opening a small shop in East Santa Cruz and two years later he threw open the doors of his present attractive store at 214 Pacific avenue. On February, 1924, he purchased the Chatterton bakery and took in as partner Charles Sandmanand, under the firm name of Huebel & Company, proprietors of the Mission Bakery. They maintain a bakery in Cherry street and have their salesroom at 16 Pacific avenue. Mr. Huebel, despite his setbacks, has signally prospered. He has succeeded because, being self-made, he never lost sight of the duty and privilege of doing for others as well as for one's self. Good will has proved to be one of his best assets—the good will of the public working to increase his patronage from day to day.

Mr. Huebel has two children, Victor and Gertrude. Mr. Huebel is a lover of music and is the composer of a popular song, "Beautiful Santa Cruz by the Sea," which has been sung in the local theatres. He belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose and also to the Foresters of America. His business training has been thorough and his experience broad and during the twenty-three years of his residence in Santa Cruz he has made for himself an enviable position in commercial circles.

RAY BAUGH.

Ray Baugh, manager of the Monterey Furniture Company is a progressive business man and the best thing about his make-up is that his foresight and wideawakeness are directed to affording the highest and most dependable service to others. He was born in Oklahoma, June 8, 1901, and his parents were A. R. and Della (McCarty) Baugh, who have many friends in this locality who hold them in high esteem. The Baugh family came to Monterey in 1914, when his father had already had experience in the garage and furniture business.

Ray Baugh attended the public schools of Oklahoma and Los Angeles, where the family lived for a while, and he continued in the high school of Monterey, after which he went to the Stanford University in Palo Alto. Then he worked in Stockton for a time, afterward dropped down into the Imperial valley and on his return joined his father in their fine store on Alvarado Street. Mr. Baugh, Sr., being an expert machinist and mechanic, prefers to follow his trade, while the son looks after the store. Between the two, the one selling, and the other making and repairing the furniture, the firm enjoys an excellent trade.

The Monterey Chamber of Commerce finds an interested and helpful member in Mr. Baugh. In national political affairs he is a republican and fraternally is connected with the Modern Woodmen. Both son and father are public-spirited to a high degree, and they find pleasure in helping to promote good propositions for the benefit of the community.

WILLIAM J. McGOWAN.

William J. McGowan, one of the big operators along the lines of agriculture in the beautiful Pajaro valley in the vicinity of Watsonville, proprietor of an admirably kept ranch in what is known as the Trafton district in Monterey county, is a native of New Jersey but has been a resident of California since the days of his boyhood and thus feels himself very much a Californian. He was born in the city of Gloucester, New Jersey, January 4, 1861, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Jarvis) McGowan, who later became residents of California and whose last days were spent here.

The late John McGowan, who for many years was one of the best known men

in the Watsonville neighborhood, was a native of Ireland, who grew up in his native land and in 1844 came to America and began working as a farm hand and gardener in the Camden vicinity in New Jersey. He saved his money and after his marriage bought a small farm of his own and in that state was engaged in farming for twenty years, at the end of which time he disposed of his interests there and with his family came to California and established his home in the beautiful Pajaro valley, in the vicinity of Watsonville, where he became engaged in general farming and stock raising and where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on March 5, 1901. His wife died in 1872.

William J. McGowan was three years of age when he accompanied his father from New Jersey into the Pajaro valley in 1865 and from the beginning of his father's ranching operations there he took an active interest in them, being helpful in the labors of developing the place and bringing it up to a high state of cultivation and productiveness. Following his marriage he bought a place of his own and has since been farming there, his place lying over the line in Monterey county. Mr. McGowan has a fine tract of two hundred and fifty-four acres, all in the rich bottom lands, save about thirty acres, and he has done well in his operations, the greater part of his land being given over to agricultural products. He has improved this place admirably and has one of the best farm plants thereabout. Mr. McGowan is a Knights Templar Mason and has ever taken an interested part in the general social and civic life of the community.

On September 4, 1889, William J. McGowan was united in marriage to Sarah M. Trafton, a native of the Pajaro valley, daughter of Charles D. and Eliza (Cathers) Trafton, concerning whom further and fitting mention is made elsewhere in this work. To Mr. and Mrs. McGowan eight children have been born: Charles Wilford, Mildred, deceased, Clarence O., Lester D., Myrtle Estelle, Merrell, Ralph and Eleanor, all of whom are married save the three last named. The three elder sons of Mr. and Mrs. McGowan are veterans of the World war, with overseas records and all are members of the local post of the American Legion in Watsonville. Charles Wilford McGowan was in the motor section of the Twentieth English Corps, with which he served as a master engineer, and with that command saw some pretty active service in France. He married Susan Uren and has two children, Dorothy and Wilford. Clarence O. McGowan served as a radio operator in the aviation section of the American Expeditionary Forces in France and also participated in some pretty strenuous action with that command. He married Katherine Hopkins and has one child, a son, Robert C. Lester D. McGowan, the third son, rendered service overseas with the light field artillery, was through the memorable campaign in the Argonne and was afterward with the Army of Occupation on the Rhine. He married Janet Dresser. Myrtle Estelle McGowan became the wife of Neal Light and has two children, Jeannette and Carol. Mr. and Mrs. McGowan thus have five grandchildren, in whom they take much pride and delight.

E. W. PALMTAG.

E. W. Palmtag of the realty firm of Palmtag & Berges of Salinas, formerly and for years vice president and cashier of the First National Bank of that city and one of the best known and most influential figures in the general commercial life of Monterey county, is a native son of this county and has resided here all his life, engaged in commercial pursuits since the days of his youth. He is a son of George and Mary Palmtag, natives of Germany and pioneers of Monterey county, the latter of whom is still living, one of the honored pioneer mothers of this county. The late George Palmtag was one of the '49ers who made his way into this state in the days of the gold excitement and found conditions here so much to his liking that he established his home here and spent the remainder of his life in this garden of delight. His initial activities here were related to mining and then he became engaged in farming in the Salinas valley. In 1870 he bought land in Natividad and there became a successful landowning farmer. For years also he had charge of the stage station at that place, in the days before the coming of the railroad. George Palmtag died

in 1882 and at his passing left a good memory, for he had done well his part as one of the pioneers of the community in which he elected to make his home. Of the five children born to George and Mary Palmtag, the youngest was E. W., of this review. The others are: Katherine, wife of W. V. Newmeyer of Salinas; Ann. wife of L. G. Greenburg of Humboldt county; George, of Salinas; and C. H. Palmtag, president of the Bank of Eureka.

Reared on the home farm, E. W. Palmtag completed his education in the Salinas high school and early became familiar with commercial forms, his first labors along that line having been as a clerk and bookkeeper in the Ford & Sanborn Company's offices, presently being made manager of that company's store in Spreckles, Monterey county. In 1902 Mr. Palmtag transferred his services from this concern to the First National Bank of Salinas and was made assistant cashier of that institution. For nearly twenty years Mr. Palmtag continued his connection with this bank, in time becoming a stockholder and director and being promoted in service until he became vice president of the bank and the cashier, a position he occupied until his retirement from the bank in 1923, to give his whole attention to the realty field hereabout, a line in which he had for some time been more or less actively interested. In that year Mr. Palmtag formed a partnership association with E. A. Berges and the two have since been carrying on a general realty business in Salinas, operating under the firm name of Palmtag & Berges, and are doing well.

In 1907 Mr. Palmtag was united in marriage to Miss Manie (Graves) Kelly, who was born in Salinas, and they have one child, a daughter, Margery. The Palmtags have a pleasant home in Salinas and take a proper interest in the community's general social activities. Mr. Palmtag is an active member of the Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West in Salinas and is also affiliated with the lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of that city. He is thoroughly conversant with realty conditions and values hereabout and is regarded as one of the experts along that line in this section of the state.

ARTHUR T. DRESSER.

Starting out in life empty-handed, Arthur T. Dresser has made continuous progress toward the goal of success, placing his dependence on the substantial qualities of industry and perseverance, and is now filling the responsible position of cashier of the Fruit Growers National Bank of Watsonville, with which he has been connected from the time of its organization. He was born in San Jose, California, October 20, 1865, a foster son of Thomas W. and Adeline F. (Fitzgerald) Dresser, both natives of Maine. The father came to the Golden state in the early '50s by the Panama route and a few years later the mother made the journey across the isthmus on mule back. Thomas W. Dresser settled in San Jose and there spent the remainder of his life, following the trade of a brick mason.

The public schools of his native city afforded Arthur T. Dresser his educational opportunities and his first money was earned while acting as a newsboy on a train. Being anxious to advance, he utilized every opportunity to broaden his knowledge of railroad operations and eventually was promoted to the position of locomotive fireman, working with the construction crew of the Pacific Improvement Company, which built the Southern Pacific Railroad over the high Siskiyous into Oregon. Mr. Dresser was a fireman on locomotives of the Southern Pacific until 1887, running through various sections of the state, and has in his possession valuable relics of his early days in railroading. His collection includes a time card of the Salt Lake division of Southern Pacific system, dated 1883. It contains the schedule of trains on one side and the rules and regulations are printed on the back of the card. He also has the return coupon of a round trip pass from San Jose, California, to Carlin, Nevada, dated 1886. After leaving the service of the railroad Mr. Dresser came to Watsonville and entered the employ of the Wells Fargo Express Company, driving a delivery wagon, hauling the mail and also doing some bill posting. He was thus engaged from February 1, 1888, until February, 1890, when he was appointed agent for the company at Watsonville, and also later acted as route agent. He remained with that

corporation until 1918, when he entered the service of the government during the war, working for about a year in the Mare Island navy yard. In 1919 he returned to Watsonville and on the 5th of May, 1920, when the Fruit Growers National Bank was opened for business, he was appointed teller. Since April 1, 1922, he has served the institution in the capacity of cashier, ably and conscientiously discharging the duties devolving upon him, and his work has been an essential factor in the upbuilding of the bank, which is enjoying a prosperous growth.

On the 18th of March, 1891, Mr. Dresser married Miss Ethel Allison, a native of the Pajaro valley. Her father crossed the plains with the pioneers of 1852 and first settled in Solano county, later removing to the Pajaro valley, where he followed the occupation of farming. Mr. and Mrs. Dresser have become the parents of four children: Evan C., who enlisted for service in the World war, winning the commission of first lieutenant, and is now connected with the Central Union Trust Company of New York city; Clark C., who also served in the world war as lieutenant in the balloon service and is now identified with the Los Angeles branch of the Standard Oil Company; Mrs. Lester D. McGowan, who resides on one of the large ranches in the Pajaro valley; and Arthur A., who is engaged in the nursery business in Santa Cruz county.

Mr. Dresser is a Knight Templar Mason and also belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star. He takes a good citizen's interest in public affairs, especially in matters pertaining to educational advancement, and is a trustee of the Pajaro school district. He resides on a fruit ranch near Watsonville and his place reflects the careful supervision and progressive spirit of its owner. He has never deviated from the path of honor and rectitude and has many friends, whom he has gained by a life of industry and rightly directed endeavor—the only life worth the living, and one that leads to ultimate success.

DEAN S. WOODARD, M. D.

Dr. Dean S. Woodard, engaged in the practice of medicine at Watsonville, comes from a family of physicians and by his professional achievements is worthily sustaining the traditions of an honored name. He was born April 2, 1886, in Hamilton county, Nebraska, and was graduated from the Aurora high school, afterward completing a course in Bellevue College near Omaha. He taught school for three years and then entered the University of Nebraska, which he attended for a period of three years. Following the example of his father and brother, who had qualified for the medical profession, Dr. Woodard became a student at the University of St. Louis, Missouri, and in January, 1914, received from that institution the M. D. degree.

For a few months he was resident physician at Mt. St. Rose's Hospital in St. Louis but on the 20th of June, 1914, arrived in Watsonville. He had no friends in the city to aid him in securing a foothold in his profession, but time has proven his worth and he now enjoys a large practice. He has a suite of rooms in the Stoesser building, which was completed in 1924 and is one of the most modern and imposing structures in the city. His offices comprise a reception room, a consulting room, an operating room and an X-ray laboratory, and in equipment and appointments are unequaled by those of any other physician in Santa Cruz county. Dr. Woodard is learned in the science of his profession and correctly applies his knowledge to the needs of his patients. Courteous, kindly in manner, quiet and self-contained, he inspires confidence in those to whom he ministers and has been very successful in treating the cases intrusted to his care.

On August 7, 1912, Dr. Woodard married Miss Marie Allen, a native of Lincoln, Nebraska, and a daughter of C. S. Allen, an attorney by profession. Her father was one of the regents of the University of Nebraska and was long numbered among the most prominent men of that state, but is now living in San Jose, California, where he is serving as president of the board of education. To Dr. and Mrs. Woodard has been born a son, Richard, a native of Watsonville.

Dr. Woodard is a member of Konockto Tribe, No. 128, of the Improved Order of Red Men, and is also an Elk, belonging to Watsonville Lodge, No. 1300. He has been

honored with the presidency of the Santa Cruz County Medical Society, which office he is now filling, and is also affiliated with the California State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. A constant student, he keeps in close touch with the achievements of research along medical and surgical lines, and his professional colleagues as well as the general public entertain for him high regard.

JOHN L. D. ROBERTS, M. D.

Fortunate in a preeminent standing cordially accorded him by patient and colleague alike, Dr. John L. D. Roberts, a well known physician and surgeon, worthily represents the medical profession for which California has so long been distinguished. He was born in Oseola, Lewis county, New York, January 14, 1863, the day when the nation was electrified with the reports of the gunboat fights at Bayou-Teche. His parents were James W. and Julia A. (Flower), the latter a direct descendant of Anneta Jans Borgardus, while his father, who was an expert mechanic and the owner of the Eagle Gun Works, was of long established English lineage.

Dr. Roberts attended the public schools and local academy of his native state, and then matriculated at Union College, in Albany, New York. Later, going to New York city, he entered Columbia University, from which, in 1885, he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. His first practice was in the New York Hospital and Insane Asylum at Utica, New York, where he served for two years, and on the 5th of January, 1887, he came to Monterey, California, where he engaged in practice for several years. He laid out the town of Seaside and built the first house there, in which he has ever since resided, identifying himself more and more with the neighborhood and the commonwealth.

About thirty-six years ago, John Wanamaker visited this section and made Dr. Roberts' acquaintance, and when Mr. Wanamaker was postmaster general he appointed the Doctor postmaster of Seaside, which office he has held during all the intervening years. For twenty-four years too, he has been a school trustee, and was a trustee of the Monterey union high school for several years. For the past sixteen years he has been supervisor of the fifth district, of Monterey county and has recently been reelected for another term. Everyone knows Supervisor Roberts, and that his great interest is the people's interest. His particular hobby has been good, always better and better roads, and in being especially instrumental in getting the appropriation for the Coast Highway, Dr. Roberts has probably done more, in this field, than has any other supervisor that Monterey ever had. He has not practiced for many years but has devoted his time to mining, oil wells, real estate and the lumber business, and to furthering the interests of the county.

In 1887, at Monterey, Dr. Roberts was married to Miss Edith A. Maltby, of Troy, New York, by whom he has had one son, Houghton M. Roberts, an income tax expert. There is also a grandson, John L. D. Roberts (II). Dr. Roberts has been an Odd Fellow for thirty-eight years, and he also belongs to the Red Men, the Moose and the Foresters.

ESTELLE M. SILVERA, D. C., B. S. C.

Both prominent and popular among the most successful Chiropractors in northern California is Dr. Estelle M. Silvera, a native of Devine, Texas, and the daughter of Fernando and Harriette (Moretta) Moore, sturdy and progressive farmer-folk. Both are now deceased but in the enviable attainments of their daughter, they find the proper testimonial of their useful and honored lives.

Estelle Moore attended the public schools of the great Lone Star state, and a'so Simmons College and Baylor University, after which she became a student in the Universal Chiropractic College at Davenport, Iowa, where she pursued the thorough courses of that well managed institution for two full years. She then went to Pittsburg, where she continued her studies for a year and was graduated with honors in 1917.

Following the completion of her strenuous studies, Dr. Silvera first practiced in San Antonio, Texas, and in 1918 came to California settling first in Salinas, but in time removed nearer the coast. She opened an office in Monterey, to the satisfaction of many who have found in chiropractic certain and speedy relief. By close and conscientious attention to the wants of her patients, she has steadily built up an enviable practice, lucrative as well as highly complimentary, having been the pioneer in her particular branch of the healing profession here. It is safe to say that no practitioner enjoys a more agreeable standing in this progressive community. She remains an advanced and an earnest student and, being devoted to humanity, she could not well escape the active career for which she is locally noted.

In the year 1922, at San Francisco, Estelle Moore was married to Joseph G. Silvera, of Oakland. She is a democrat and she belongs to the Eastern Star and the Pythian Sisters. She is always interested in everything promising advantage to the community, and her personal worth and professional ability are widely acknowledged.

FRED A. KILBURN.

No man in this section of California has a more intimate acquaintance with the development of the general commercial and industrial interests of this region than has Fred A. Kilburn, treasurer and first vice president of the Charles Ford Company at Watsonville, successor to the old Ford & Sanborn concern, in point of establishment the oldest general merchandise business in continuous operation hereabout. Mr. Kilburn has been connected with the affairs of this concern for forty-five years and during that time has witnessed the development of the company from "its day of small things" to its present substantial status in the commercial life of California.

Fred A. Kilburn was born in the village of Hampden, a suburb of the city of Bangor, Penobscot county, Maine, September 8, 1849, and is a son of Paran and Elizabeth (Treat) Kilburn, both members of old New England families and of sturdy colonial stock. Captain Paran Kilburn was a seafaring man, skipper of vessels in trade in the days of the picturesque sailing craft and was widely known in his day in shipping circles in the world's chief ports of call. He and his wife were the parents of three children, of whom the subject of this biographical review alone now survives, he having had a brother, William B. Kilburn, at one time a well-to-do shoe merchant in the city of Boston, and a sister, Miss Abbie Kilburn, whose last days were spent in his home at Watsonville.

Reared at Hampden, Fred A. Kilburn received his education in the schools of that village and in 1868 at the age of nineteen, came to California on a visit to his maternal uncle, George Treat, who had removed to this state with the first great ous figures in the sporting life of California, his large business interests permitting his indulgence in his favorite sport of horse-racing, and for years he maintained a racing stable at San Francisco that was second in excellence to none in that day.

Mr. Kilburn had had some training in commercial forms back in the old home town and upon his arrival in California he was made bookkeeper in the office of his uncle's lumber camp at Santa Cruz, where he gained a practical insight into the operations of the lumber business as applied to the California trade. For some little time he remained in this lumber camp and then became attracted to the life of the mines and went on an expedition into Nevada. At White Pine, more than a hundred miles from "civilization," away east of Elko, he spent a year, acquiring there a variety of experience that in many ways later was to prove valuable. Upon his return to Santa Cruz he resumed his position in the office of the lumber mills but not long afterward was induced to take a position as bookkeeper in a mercantile establishment at San Jose. From there he went into the Sierras to take a job as bookkeeper in a mining camp in the Yosemite country and then on April 1, 1880, entered upon the duties of bookkeeper in the office of the general mercantile establishment and lumber mill of Ford & Sanborn at Watsonville.

Mr. Kilburn recalls that when he went to work in the office of the old Ford & Sanborn Company in the spring of 1880 he told Mr. Ford that he was not "over

FRED A. KILBURN

smart" but that he believed that he was honest and was sure that he possessed the quality of application to the duties of the job. This modest display of his personal wares seemed acceptable to his employer and it was not long until he found himself thoroughly "sold" to Mr. Ford, who continued to advance him even over the heads of his seniors in service, until in time he was virtually at the head of the business, confidential manager in behalf of Mr. Ford.

For seven years Mr. Kilburn rendered service as bookkeeper in the lumber department of the Ford & Sanborn enterprises, meantime marrying and establishing his home at Watsonville. Mr. Ford then put him in charge of his interest and he thus continued as the personal representative of the dominant Ford interest in this mercantile establishment until the death of Mr. Ford in 1900, his service with the concern then having covered a period of thirty years. As stated above, Mr. Kilburn then served as administrator of the Ford estate, Mr. Ford having been a bachelor with no kinsmen nearer than the Atlantic seaboard. The successful administration of this estate required several years of Mr. Kilburn's time, during which he was required to make frequent trips east. When the present Charles Ford Company was organized following the death of Mr. Ford, Mr. Kilburn was elected first vice president of the company as well as treasurer and has since continued to serve in that dual capacity, despite his growing years constantly "on the job," even as he has been all through the forty-five years of his continuous service with this establishment, at the store every day and greeting the trade in the same old cheery wholesome way that has so greatly endeared him to the hearts of all within this wide trade area.

He is one of the principal stockholders of the company, and during his executive connection, as before, has aided in the promotion of the company's interests until they now represent a sum many times greater than that which marked the assets of the corporation at the time of Mr. Ford's death a quarter of a century ago. Not only is Mr. Kilburn the oldest man in continuous business service in Watsonville but he represents the greatest single commercial interest there and has thus for many years occupied an outstanding position in the business life of this community.

It was on December 9, 1874, that Fred A. Kilburn was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Bliss of Santa Cruz, California. Mr. and Mrs. Kilburn reside in a handsome new and modern bungalow at 31 North Brennan street and it was there that they celebrated their "golden wedding," December 10, 1924, and the occasion was made one of hearty felicitation on the part of the countless friends of this fine old couple, with well wishes for "many happy returns." They have two daughters and a son: Mabel, wife of Victor Tuttle of Hollywood, California; Bertha, wife of H. A. Hyde of Watsonville, and Dr. C. M. Kilburn, a dental surgeon long engaged in practice in Watsonville. Not only has Mr. Kilburn been faithful in business affairs but he has found time to render effective service in the public behalf. For two terms he served as a member of the common council of the city and also for two terms as a member of the local school board and was clerk of the board at the time the first high school building was erected at Watsonville. He is a Mason of fifty-three years standing, having been initiated into the order at Santa Cruz, and has attained to the capitular (Royal Arch) degree in that ancient order. He has ever been a faithful follower of the teachings of the craft—based on the brotherhood of mankind, and has been equally loyal to all the high ideals that mark the representative business man, the progressive citizen and the worthwhile friends.

CHARLES H. GRIFFEN, JR.

Charles H. Griffen, Jr., the wide-awake manager for the H. T. Haywood Lumber Company, of 491 Pacific avenue, Santa Cruz, was born at Clinton, Missouri, December 7, 1887, the son of Charles H. and Maria (Bedford) Griffen, the former a native of New York state, the latter of Arkansas. Mr. Griffen came to California in 1891 and located at Redondo Beach, removing later to Los Angeles.

Thus it happened that Charles H. Griffen, Jr. enjoyed the advantages of the schools in the "City of the Angels," attending both the grammar and the high schools. He then became a student in the University of California and after a course

in mining engineering was graduated as a member of the class of 1910. He followed mining in Nevada, both at Tonopah and Goldfield, and was associated with the Tonopah-Belmont Development Company. He also operated a mine of his own in Manhattan, Nevada.

In 1915 Mr. Griffen became associated with the Graves Sash, Door & Mill Company, of Los Angeles, and was located successively at Riverside, Rialto and Yuma, Arizona. Four years later, when the Homer T. Hayward Lumber Company was organized, he joined their staff at Paso Robles, California, remaining there until the Santa Cruz branch was opened in February, 1923, when he was made manager of their office and yard here.

When Mr. Griffen married, he chose for his wife, Miss Catharine Hayward, a native of Illinois, and they have a nine-year-old son, Charles H. Griffen (III). Mr. Griffen belongs to Elks Lodge, No. 476, at Yuma, Arizona; is a member of the Santa Cruz Golf and Country Club and belongs to the Local Council of the Boy Scouts. He is a director of the Santa Cruz Rotary Club, and is second to none in wishing to improve every opportunity to advance the best interests, along the most permanent lines, of both town and county.

JOHN FLAWS.

Among the most appreciated establishments of historic old Monterey catering to the daily wants of a particular people is the New England Bakery, under the wide-awake, progressive proprietorship of John Flaws, a native of Bonnie Scotland. He was born December 27, 1889, a son of Magnus and Margaret (Burgess) Flaws, both still living, worthy farmer folk, in the old country.

John Flaws attended the public schools of Scotland and after working upon a farm, clerked for a while in a store. At the age of twenty, he crossed the broad Atlantic to the United States, and making his way to California worked for a time in Pacific Grove and then in Monterey. He learned the baker's trade in Monterey and in 1924 engaged in business for himself, establishing the New England Bakery at 211 Huffmann avenue. He has a thoroughly modern, up-to-date plant, and serves a large circle of patrons in Monterey and Pacific Grove, employing twelve persons to do the work. He has been quite successful. He has three automobiles for delivery service and the constant growth of his business leads one to see how natural it is that the prosperous proprietor should be deeply interested in the peninsula, and should be active as one of the best "boosters" in the locality.

At San Jose, California, November 11, 1914, Mr. Flaws was married to Miss Catherine MacFadyen, of Scotland, and they have had two children, Magnus William and Mary Maclure. Mr. Flaws is a democrat where national issues are involved but he endeavors at all times to vote intelligently and independently, and finds pleasure in giving his hearty support to worthy movements.

STANFORD G. SMITH.

A distinguished representative of the California bar in Santa Cruz county is Stanford G. Smith, the popular, because both proficient and efficient, district attorney. He was born at Santa Cruz, November 14, 1893, and has the advantage of having grown up amid the environment with which he is called upon to be familiar. His father was the Hon. Lucas F. Smith, who had married Miss Della Gouldy; and he commenced life with the most stimulating surroundings of a cultured home, in which patriotism was the stirring keynote.

Young Stanford pursued the prescribed courses of the grammar and the high schools, then matriculated at Stanford University, and finally studied in Hastings College, after which he came up for the stiff bar examinations. He was admitted, June 13, 1919, to practice in California. In the meantime he had entered the American

army as an infantryman, and for six months was at Camp Lewis, from which he was detached to help operate the government TNT plants, a dangerous field in which he had had previous experience.

On June 6, 1922, Mr. Smith was elected to the office of district attorney, for a four-year term, and it is needless to say that he has more than fulfilled the expectations of friend and acquaintance. He has endeavored to discharge the duties incumbent upon him with fearlessness tempered by mercy and common sense; and it is a pleasure to record that no deserving person ever appealed in vain for his consideration. He is a Native Son of the Golden West, and never forgets the obligations devolving upon those "to the manor born." In politics a republican, he is not so standpat that he cannot see the merit of the other side.

On November 17, 1921, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Bernice Miller, of Santa Cruz, a charming and an accomplished lady; and they have one child, Stanford G., Jr. Mr. Smith is a Mason and an Elk, and also an Odd Fellow; and he belongs to the Eagles, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Eastern Star. He is fond of golf, and likes to get out into God's open.

JOHN T. BLACK.

John T. Black, an experienced and enterprising building contractor, of Dolores avenue, Carmel, was born at Travers City, Michigan, February 23, 1888. Like so many associated with the pioneer history of that state, both his grandfather and father were in the lumber business, and the former also served as sheriff, while the latter was a supervisor. The family enjoyed an enviable connection with big and stirring events in that part of the country.

John T. Black was reared in the lumber woods of Michigan, and from boyhood worked in lumber camps and sawmills. When only fifteen years of age, he came to California, and for five years was with his uncle in a planing mill in Los Angeles, later joining an engineering firm there. Subsequently he was in the oil fields at Santa Barbara, and then worked as a carpenter in San Jose and San Francisco. In 1920 Mr. Black came to Carmel, and he associated himself with a building contractor, in whose service he remained until there was an unmistakable demand for another and an independent concern, when he embarked in business for himself. Since that time he has erected a number of very fine houses, notably the residences of Miss Ella Shaw and M. A. Flaner, at Highlands, together with a group of high grade bungalows, one of the real attractions of Carmel. While in Los Angeles he took a course in architectural drawing, offered at a night school by Professor Westbrook, of Occidental College and this has enabled him to make all necessary plans and to draw the designs, so that his patrons may know what he proposes to do.

Mr. Black married Miss Lillian Walter, a native of New York and their home is the center of a generous hospitality. Two children have been born of this union, and they are both promising sons, namely: John P. and Alfred Edwin Black.

HUGH F. DORMODY, M. D.

Dr. H. F. Dormody, an able physician and surgeon of Monterey, was born in El Dorado county, California, March 28, 1895, the son of Leonard J. and Nellie (Bosworth) Dormody, both natives of California, for the Doctor's grandfathers, in both paternal and maternal lines came across the great plains in 1847. Like many another in those times, they first engaged in a search for gold and afterwards turned their attention to ranching and stock-raising. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dormody, honored as pioneers, are now living at Placerville. Dr. Dormody received his early educational training from his mother, and after that entered the high school, from which he passed to the University of California, where he was graduated with the coveted degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then matriculated in the medical college of the University of California but was interrupted in his studies by his enlistment

in the Medical Reserve Corps. He took the examination for an aviation pilot, but he was never called to active service. On his discharge, he resumed his medical studies at the University of California and by 1921 he had completed his course. Then he spent sixteen months as interne in the Mt. Zion Hospital, in San Francisco, and during 1921-22, he was interne in the City and County Hospital, in the same city. In May, 1922, he was given the coveted degree of Doctor of Medicine and from that time to the following December he was resident physician from the University of California in the City and County Hospital at San Francisco.

In November, 1922, Dr. Dormody came to Monterey, and has since built up an enviable practice. He is a member of the American Medical Association and of the State and the County Medical Societies and through research and service has kept in touch with the latest scientific discoveries and methods, rendering valuable aid to his fellowmen.

In July, 1922, Dr. Dormody was married to Miss Edna Ednah, of San Francisco, and they are now the happy parents of one child, a son, Hugh F. Dormody, Jr. In college Dr. Dormody belonged to the Nu Sigma Nu and the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternities. He is a member of the Elks and the Knights of Pythias, and is a third degree Mason. He votes rather for the candidate that attracts him, and in whom he has confidence, as he also supports measures he thoroughly approves of, rather than to vote according to party dictates. In the field of sport his interest is in golf.

ARTHUR R. WILSON.

In all communities there are men in whom the initiative spirit is a strong and dominant factor and of this type is Arthur R. Wilson, vice president, general manager and founder of the Granite Rock Company of Watsonville. He is a civil engineer of broad experience and superior ability and has to his credit many notable achievements along construction lines. He was born April 30, 1866, in San Francisco, a son of E. H. and Joanna H. (McIntire) Wilson, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Indiana. The father came to California in 1852, and the mother arrived in this state four years later. In 1869 E. H. Wilson went to Helena, Montana, where he embarked in general merchandising, and his death occurred in that city in 1873.

Arthur R. Wilson received his elementary instruction in the public schools of Oakland, California, and his higher education was obtained in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from which he was graduated in 1890, on the completion of a course in civil engineering, winning the degree of Bachelor of Science. He began the practice of his profession at Oakland, and his ability soon brought him prominently before the public. He served as city engineer of Oakland from 1895 until 1897 and in 1900 came to Watsonville. On January 23, he organized the Granite Rock Company, which was incorporated on the 14th of February, 1900, and has grown steadily since its inception. Its officers are Chares F. Langley, president; Arthur R. Wilson, vice president and general manager; Charles E. Bloom, secretary and treasurer; John E. Porter, sales manager; A. J. Wilson, engineer; and D. W. Swearingen, superintendent.

The quarry is situated at Logan, in San Benito county, ninety-three miles south of San Francisco, and the plant supplies a large amount of ballast for the Southern Pacific Coast Lines and large quantities of stone for highway and commercial purposes. The firm furnished the crushed rock and gravel for the state highway and much of its product is used for bridge building and for paving in all of its branches. For a considerable period they also engaged in concrete construction work but abandoned the field about two years ago. They were awarded many important contracts and examples of their skill are furnished by the Watsonville Library; the Sam Leask building, erected in Santa Cruz in 1906; the bandstand in Plaza Park at Watsonville, while they also remodelled the Santa Cruz county court house after the earthquake of 1906. The Granite Rock Company stands supreme in the line in which it is specializing, and at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, held at San Francisco in 1915, was awarded the gold medal.

In the operation of the quarry Mr. Wilson has established a record for economical

production and in the conduct of the business of the Granite Construction Company he has been equally successful. It was organized at Watsonville in 1922 and takes contracts for stone and concrete work. In 1924 this concern was incorporated as the Central Supply Company, with the present officiary, namely: president, A. R. Wilson; vice president and manager, W. J. Wilkinson; and secretary, R. B. Scott. This company makes a specialty of general building materials in its line, crushed rock, sand, cement and mixed concrete, and operates not only in Watsonville but in Salinas, Santa Cruz and San Luis Obispo. It is not too much to say that Mr. Wilson is recognized as an authority in his line of work and is one of the directors of the National Crushed Stone Association.

He has been honored with the presidency of the Pajaro Valley Chamber of Commerce and is now (1925) filling that office. He is a member of the Corinthian Yacht Club of Tiburon in Marin county and is the owner of the yacht Maryland G, keenly interested in aquatic sports. He is a member of Watsonville Lodge, No. 1300, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; a member of Camp No. 82, Woodmen of the World; and a member of Parlor No. 65, Native Sons of the Golden West, at Watsonvile. It has been made a matter of comment that Mr. Wilson is one of the men who are making history in the west and it is recognized that through his achievements in the engineering field he has contributed his quota to the world's work. He also is a member of the directorate of the Pajaro Savings Bank of Watsonville, which has profited by his business acumen and judgment.

Mr. Wilson has been twice married. In 1895, at Oakland, he was united in marriage to Miss Alice Jeffery Cullen, daughter of William Cullen, Pacific representative of the great Rothschild interests. She died in 1920, and in 1922 Mr. Wilson married Mrs. Anna R. Elston of St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. Wilson, by his first marriage, has three children, two daughters, Ruth and Mabel M., and a son, Arthur Jeffery Wilson, who is associated with him in his business enterprises, now engineer and assistant manager of the Granite Rock Company. Arthur J. Wilson was graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1923, twenty-three years after his father was graduated from that noted institution, and has become recognized as a very capable engineer. Miss Mabel M. Wilson married Wilson Meyer, a member of one of the pioneer families of San Francisco, and is now living in that city. Wilson Meyer is associated in business in San Francisco with his father, of the old firm of Meyer, Wilson & Company, which has been in business there since the year 1850. The original Meyer of this company was one of the pioneer business men of San Francisco and in the days of early stress there, was a member of the old vigilance committee which brought about a state of law and order in a troublous time.

F. G. WILSON.

Widely known among the most successful home-builders in Santa Cruz county, the firm of Wilson Brothers, pioneer subdividers and real estate brokers represented by F. G. Wilson of Santa Cruz, have done much to increase and also to stabilize land values, at the same time that they have contributed toward the elevation of public taste. A native of California, Mr. Wilson was born at Santa Cruz, September 6, 1887, the son of David and Emma (Goodspeed) Wilson, who came here about fifty years ago, and soon were recognized as among the most valuable of pioneer settlers. The father at first followed farming and then engaged in the clothing business, which he continued until Jesse Cope bought out his business. He is still living and active in the northwest, but his wife, Mrs. Emma Wilson, an exceptional mother of six children, has passed on to her eternal reward.

A product in part, of the public school system, having progressed from the grammar school to the high school and Robertson's preparatory school, T. G. Wilson entered Stanford University where he completed a four-year course in economics, after which he returned to Santa Cruz and joined his brother, D. L. Wilson, in the real estate and insurance business. The latter had already ventured into trade, and in 1911 they established themselves as subdividers. They opened the Wilson Brothers Tracts, and so successful have they been that they are now disposing of the sixth area. In

each case, they have laid out and graded their property, installed adequate water service and perfected the titles, following this up for many purchasers by building the most attractive of modern houses, together with poultry and other out houses. They have thus become the promoters here of a great work, the property they control now being assessed at three hundred and fifty dollars an acre, instead of one hundred dollars as formerly—the fortunate result of the improvements introduced. About fifteen men are regularly employed by the Wilson Brothers in the operation of their building department.

F. G. Wilson married Miss Mildred Tanner, the daughter of John Tanner, well known and well liked wholesale and retail druggist, and their union has been blessed with two children, Mildred Virginia and Tanner Goodspeed. Mr. Wilson is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Olympic Club of San Francisco. He is fond of outdoor sport, and he is particularly adept in the playing of golf and polo.

JOSEPH R. PERRY.

Joseph R. Perry, one of the energetic and successful dairymen of the Salinas neighborhood in Monterey county, is a native of the Azores Islands and has been a resident of the United States for something more than fifteen years. It was in the year 1909 that Mr. Perry came to this country, landing at the port of New York. He had been well trained in dairying and general farming and upon his arrival here found employment on a place in the immediate vicinity of Newport, Rhode Island. For two years Mr. Perry remained in Rhode Island and then, in 1911, came to California, a choice of location he never has had occasion to regret, and he is now well established in this state.

Following his arrival in California, Mr. Perry became employed at farm labor in the vicinity of San Jose, Santa Clara county, and several months later transferred his service to a farm in the vicinity of San Luis Obispo in the county of that name. Not long afterward, however, he came to Monterey county, which since has been his place of residence. Upon coming to this county Mr. Perry found employment on a ranch in the Salinas neighborhood and after awhile became employed on the Cooper ranch, the place where he now has centered his dairy interests. In 1917, after he had been working on the Cooper ranch for about a year, Mr. Perry leased the dairy interest attached to that place and has since been operating it as proprietor, carrying on this enterprise in strictly up-to-date fashion. He has no fewer than one hundred cows and the products of his place have found a wide market throughout this local trade area.

In February, 1920, James R. Perry was united in marriage to Miss Rose Nunus, who was born in Watsonville and who is a very competent helpmate to her husband in the operation of their dairy plant. Mr. and Mrs. Perry have a pleasant home on their dairy farm and have made improvements on that place bringing it up to a high standard of desirability. The dairy has proved quite successful and is constantly being expanded.

FRED S. WILSON.

Among the progressive young business men to whom Watsonville is indebted for its growth and prosperity along commercial lines is numbered Fred S. Wilson, whose well directed labors have resulted in the development of one of the finest dry cleaning establishments in California, and he also figures prominently in other walks of life. He was born at Newman Grove, Nebraska, May 1, 1887, and came to Watsonville in 1900, when thirteen years of age. He was graduated from high school in 1906 and enjoyed the distinction of being chosen president of his class.

Mr. Wilson first turned his attention to financial affairs and for seven years was teller of the Pajaro Valley National Bank. He then aided in organizing the Watsonville & Pajaro Valley Steam Laundry, which was incorporated in August, 1913, and

is now its president and manager. The other officers are P. M. Andrews, vice president; Judge C. R. Taylor, secretary and treasurer; and E. E. Kelly and James Sheehy, directors. A location was secured on a side street and from a small beginning has been developed a business of extensive proportions, which stands as a monument to the initiative spirit, the keen sagacity and the administrative powers of its executive head. The laundry was started with a capital of thirty-five hundred dollars, and the company now has a one hundred thousand dollar plant, supplied with the most modern equipment, and furnishing employment to thirty-five persons. The dry cleaning process is used for about twenty per cent of the work done by the laundry. The cleaning room is twenty by forty feet in dimensions, with brick walls twenty-two inches thick. The floors are of concrete and a special sun room, five by ten feet, has been built on the roof. Garments are hoisted on a rack into this room by means of ropes and pulleys. The machinery consists of a regular six-tank Bowser underground system, complete with pumps, tanks, water separators, traps, etc; a still; gasoline extractor; hydro-extractor; four washing machines; sanitary tubs for steam cleaning, scouring boards, etc., all the machines being well painted. The room is finished in white enamel and the floor is of red cement. The establishment is kept spotlessly clean and the greatest care is exercised in the cleansing of garments. The plant is a model of its kind and in respect to protection from fire and industrial accidents, first class equipment, desirability of location and efficiency in operation is regarded as the best on the Pacific coast.

Mr. Wilson organized the Peoples Finance & Thrift Company of Watsonville and is its president. He is constantly expanding the scope of his activities and is serving as president of the Watsonville Improvement Association, which owes its inception and growth to his powers of organization and administration. The corporation was formed for the purpose of buying and improving property at the lower end of Main street and through its operations has greaty enhanced the value of real estate in that section of the city.

On June 3, 1915, Mr. Wilson married Miss Charlotte Bockius, who was born in Watsonville and was a classmate of her husband in high school, graduating in 1906. The children of this union are Jean and Ann. Mr. Wilson is a Mason and in 1919 was master of Watsonville Lodge, No. 110, F. & A. M. He is connected with the Scottish Rite bodies at San Jose and has been chosen to represent Watsonville in Aahmes Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Oakland. He is a member of Watsonville Lodge, No. 1300, B. P. O. E., and is serving as president of the Exchange Club. Mr. Wilson occupies a central place on the stage of activity in Watsonville, and his fidelity to principle, his industry and ability are amply illustrated in his career.

F. E. BROWN.

An expert in matters pertaining to both gas and electricity, F. E. Brown, the popular office manager of the Coast Valley Gas & Electric Company, of Monterey, has been of much service to his fellow-citizens in the development of interests of great importance to both town and county. He was born at Portage, Wisconsin, April 4, 1898, the son of U. E. and Katherine (Smithers) Brown, who are still living. Mrs. Brown, as a little girl, resided in Santa Barbara, and she has interesting stories to tell of that old Mission town.

F. E. Brown attended public and high schools of South Dakota, and afterward went to Aberdeen, that state, where he profited by an excellent commercial course in a business college. Then he learned telegraphy and busied himself as an operator in Montana for a year and a half. He next enlisted in the United States Army, joining the S. A. T. Corps, and for a year was in the shipyards in Washington, D. C. On his return to Wisconsin he was with the Beloit Gas & Electrical Company for a year and in October, 1920, he came to Monterey. He liked the old town, the old town and the new-comers, too, liked him, as soon as they came to know that he was here, and here he has been ever since. He has made for himself a creditable position in business circles and as manager is contributing in large measure to the success of the Coast Valley Gas & Electric Company, the business of which is steadily increasing.

Naturally, Mr. Brown belongs to the Monterey Chamber of Commerce, and his associates, who find in him a live wire, are glad that he has come to help them put a willing shoulder to the wheel. Socially he is a welcome member in several circles, including Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, to which he belongs. He is fond of golf, and of fishing and hunting.

WILLIAM H. TEN EYCK.

Wonderful progress has been made in the cement industry in America, and the remarkable achievements along this line in California in recent years are well illustrated in the daily work of William H. Ten Eyck, the cement contractor of Pacific Grove. He is a native of New Jersey who has more than "made good" in the Golden state. He was born January 18, 1867, the son of John V. and Mary J. (Honeyman) Ten Eyck. The former, a dealer in ship-timber, became one of the best known residents of New Jersey. He always took an interest in promising young men, assisting many to get a good start in life, and when he died, in 1922, he had a positive record for great usefulness to his credit. A year later, to the sorrow of a goodly circle of devoted friends, Mrs. Ten Eyck also breathed her last. Her father was in the British army during the Revolutionary war, and while acting as a butcher in the army, was in reality a British spy. Later his home was burned but he escaped.

William H. Ten Eyck attended both grammar and high schools of New Jersey, and as a young man learned the glass-blowing trade, after which he was in business for himself. Selling out his eastern interests, however, he came to California and located, about 1904, at Long Beach. Soon afterward he embarked in the cement trade with which he has since been identified. In 1910 he went north to Monterey, and since has engaged in cement contract work. He has been busy installing many first-class pieces of cement in over thirty public and business structures, besides doing thousands of feet of street work, and also much government work. He has also recently completed two beautiful houses for himself in Pacific Grove. The general result of these successful ventures on the part of Mr. Ten Eyck has been that he has become one of the substantial citizens of both Pacific Grove and Monterey, being almost as well known in the latter city as in the former.

Mr. Ten Eyck was united in marriage to Miss Alla Bergin, also a native of New Jersey, and a representative of an early New York family, among the first settlers on Long Island. She died June 3, 1924, leaving many friends. Mr. Ten Eyck, a resident of California since 1904, is enthusiastic in support of his adopted state and as a progressive business man is contributing to the improvement of the section in which he lives.

HAROLD L. KANE.

Harold L. Kane, a member of one of the honored pioneer families of the Pajaro valley, is following the example set him by his father, and Watsonville numbers him among its leading fruit growers and shippers. He was born June 15, 1892, and has always lived in this community, being thoroughly appreciative of its advantages and attractions. He is the only son in the family of five children born to John F. and Fannie (West) Kane, the former a native of San Francisco, California, and the latter of the state of Illinois. The father passed away in 1917 and is survived by the mother. John Kane, the paternal grandfather, emigrated from Ireland to the United States, becoming one of the early orchardists of the Pajaro valley, and his ranch, five miles east of Watsonville, is still in possession of the family. During the pioneer epoch John F. Kane was employed in the store of O. D. Stoesser, who was engaged in general merchandising in Watsonville, and in 1905 Mr. Kane started the fruit shipping business here. He was a sagacious, farsighted business man of the highest integrity, and a leader in his chosen line of activity. He was connected with the Knights of Columbus, belonging to Council No. 953, and was also a member of Watsonville Parlor, No. 65, of the Native Sons of the Golden West.

WILLIAM H. TEN EYCK

MRS. WILLIAM H. TEN EYCK

After completing his high school course Harold L. Kane went to San Francisco for the purpose of acquiring a knowledge of the fruit commission business and obtained a clerkship in the office of the J. K. Armsby Company. On his return to Watsonville he joined his father in the fruit business, to which he succeeded at the death of its founder, and afterward admitted S. C. Sprague to a partnership. This relationship has since been continued and the firm of Kane & Sprague maintains a large packing plant in Watsonville. In 1923 they shipped three hundred and fifty cars of fruit and vegetables and their business is operated on an extensive scale. Mr. Sprague shipped one of the first cars of lettuce sent from Watsonville and has seen this industry grow from three or four cars yearly to one thousand. He remembers when but one shipment a year was made of Bartlett pears and at the present time a thousand tons of this fruit are sent from Watsonville to various sections of the country. He has witnessed the development of the winter pear varieties from one to fifty carloads annually and has lived to see the evolution of the dried apple industry, when the crude methods of drying the fruit were replaced by the modern system of evaporation.

Mr. Kane joined Company L, Second Infantry, California National Guard, and was sent to the Mexican border in 1916 at the time of the Villa uprising. He is a faithful communicant of the Catholic church and belongs to Watsonville Council, No. 953, Knights of Columbus. He is a member of Watsonville Parlor, No. 65, Native Sons of the Golden West, and is also connected with the local Exchange Club. Mr. Kane is imbued with the western spirit of enterprise and loyalty, and that he is a young man of high character is indicated by the place which he holds in the esteem of those who have known him from boyhood to the present time.

CHARLES A. RYAN.

When the final history of the great oil development movement in California comes to be written it undoubtedly will be found that the name of Charles A. Ryan, geologist, president of the Monterey Products Company and an honored veteran of the Spanish-American war, will be found high up on the roster of those farsighted individuals who first sensed the value of the underlying products of this favored region. For years Mr. Ryan had made a careful and analytical study of the geological formations hereabout, with particular reference to the diatomaceous earths in which the local canyons abound, and which are the principal source of all oil. His researches along these lines convinced him that conditions for oil in this locality were unusually favorable. With this knowledge well in hand he began to talk up oil development with so much enthusiasm that he presently aroused the interest of others. Mr. Ryan is a geologist with true, fine artistic tastes and impulses and he has been able to turn this inclination to such practical advantage as to create here several valuable industries based upon the infusorial and diatomaceous earths found here in such valuable marketable quantities, and as president and executive head of the company above mentioned, as well as of the Insulated Brick Company of Monterey and the Calitom Products Company of that city, has done much to promote the material interests of the community of which he elected to become a part something like ten years ago and of which he since has been a helpful and influential factor.

Charles A. Ryan is a Connecticut yankee by birth, born in the city of Danbury in the old Nutmeg state, September 4, 1873. His mother, Mary A. (Very) Ryan, now deceased, was a native of (Leeds) England, first locating at Norwalk, where becoming united in marriage in Bridgeport to his father, John Ryan, a native of Montreal, Canada, and settled at Danbury, Connecticut. John Ryan was an expert molder in iron and bronze and followed that craft; the cathedral at Plattsburg, New York, showing his handiwork. He was living in Connecticut when the Civil war broke out and he at once offered his services as a soldier in behalf of the Union and went to the front as a private in Company A of the Eleventh Regiment, Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, with which gallant command he participated in the battle of Bull Run, where he was severely wounded in the left instep. Upon the termination of that first period of enlistment he reenlisted for service and was elected a lieutenant of

Company K of the Seventy-first Connecticut, with which he returned to the front. At the battle of Antietam he was seriously wounded in the throat, the bullet passing through the right lung, and also wounded in the left arm and right leg, the shock rendering him unconscious. He thus was regarded as one of the dead in the first clearing of the battlefield and it was three days before his distressing plight was discovered. The injury to his leg necessitated amputation and reamputation until this operation eventually had been performed no fewer than six times.

Reared at Danbury, Charles A. Ryan received his education in the schools of that city, going on through the high school. He early became interested in art, with particular reference to sculpturing, and for six years made a study of art forms and plastic technique, beginning under the direction of his father and continuing his studies under Haddon, during which time he also received the benefit of the advice of the great John Q. Ward. In the meantime his adventurous spirit prompted him to enlist in the United States army and he served an enlistment in Light Battery F, Third Artillery, in Texas and California. He had just received his discharge and was at San Antonio, en route to his old home when the call for volunteers for service in the Spanish-American war came in the spring of 1898. He at once re-enlisted in Light Battery K, First Artillery (Regulars) which was the first detachment to reach Cuba and was the last to return. During this term of service Mr. Ryan contracted a severe rheumatic affliction and incurable injury to right ankle and upon his discharge from the army as incurable came to California for recuperation, locating at Lemoore in Kings county on the 1st of February, 1900. There he remained for seven years, at the end of which time he moved to Orosa, Tulare county, in which place he made his home until the first of May, 1917, when he took up his residence at Monterey, where he has since remained.

From the days of his youth, when under his father's direction he became interested in the plastic arts with relation to clay products, Mr. Ryan has been a devoted student of geology and has made a special study of such clays as lend themselves best to such uses. He found in the Monterey country an abundance of valuable earth formations and realized that they could be turned to commercial uses. It therefore has been in this form of manufacturing activity and enterprise that Mr. Ryan has impressed himself most notably upon the community of which he elected to become a part and he has done a valuable work in forming the various companies, above referred to, for the commercialization of the underlying products of the county. The Monterey Products Company, of which Mr. Ryan is the president, has holdings of no less than four thousand acres in Monterey county, an area in which it is scientifically estimated there are no fewer than seven million tons of diatomaceous earths available for commercial uses on one hundred acres alone. It is from these earths that insulating brick and other similar products are manufactured, products that are widely distributed and which have gone far toward adding to the fame of Monterey in general commercial and industrial circles. These infusorial and diatomaceous earths —sometimes called tripolite or tripoli powder (kieselguhr)—are extremely light and extremely porous chalk-like materials composed of pure silica, which has been laid down under water when in its infusorial and diatomaceaous forms, in the geologic (Miozene) age thus represented. The principal commercial use of this material is as an absorbent and insulator. It also is employed in the manufacture of scouring soap and polishing powders, for filtration purposes, in making some classes of refractory brick, and as an insulating medium both in heating and refrigeration. It is a first class nonconductor of heat and as such finds a ready market in the manufacture of fire clay for retorts and furnaces in the steel and glass factories. The product in the local field is prepared in powdered form under trade name of Calatom and thus shipped to the establishments all over the country into whose processes it finally enters as finished products too many to enumerate.

On October 22, 1899, at Greenfield, Missouri, Charles A. Ryan was united in marriage to Miss Lula Ragsdale, daughter of B. Franklin Ragsdale, and to this union five children have been born; Nellie Opal, Frances, Charles A., Jr., Mary Elizabeth and Lois, the last three of whom are still in school. Miss Nellie Opal Ryan, now engaged as a teacher in the schools of Greenfield and Miss Frances Ryan, at home, are graduates of the teacher's college at San Jose. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan are republicans and take a proper interest in general civic affairs as well as in the social

and cultural activities of the community. Mr. Ryan is a Mason and a Forester and is affiliated with the local society of the Veterans of the Spanish-American War and with the patriotic order of the Society of Santiago de Cuba.

TIMOTHY J. HORGAN.

An experienced, successful realtor who has more than once demonstrated his ability to master several fields of activity, is Timothy J. Horgan, an extensive fruit shipper, doing business at 15 Wall street, Watsonville. He was born at Plympton, Massachusetts, September 28, 1856, a son of John and Hannah (Hanaford) Horgan, both natives of Ireland, and he used to hear his father relate how, on March 8, 1868, he left Boston for California, by way of the Isthmus of Panama, taking passage on the Atlantic on the Henry Chauncey, and on the Pacific on the Constitution, which ran to San Francisco. The father engaged in grain farming in the Pajaro valley, and thus provided for a family of five children, three of whom are still living, namely: Timothy J.; Mary, who is now Mrs. Regan; and Jeremiah. The deceased children were John and Julia.

Timothy J. Horgan attended the public schools in Watsonville, and then St. Mary's College on Twenty-sixth Street, San Francisco and later he was with his father on their home ranch in the Pajaro Valley for a while. Coming to Watsonville, he was in the grain and feed business for ten years, and for nine years he was outside man for the Charles Ford Company.

Since then, Mr. Horgan has been in the real estate and insurance business, and he has also been active as a fruit shipper, handling annually from one hundred and fifty to three hundred carloads of apples, and about one hundred carloads of vegetables. He owns a half interest in two ranches in the valley, and hence is in a position to control a part of the local market. He sold the land upon which stands the Appleton Hotel and Theatre, and he was one of the promoters of the double enterprise, and himself raised half of the amount of money needed to finance the project. He is a director of the Appleton Investment Company of Watsonville, and a live-wire director in the local Chamber of Commerce. All in all, in this an exceedingly interesting man, and is one of the men of varied affairs who have done so much to build the modern Watsonville, a city in which Mr. Horgan was a trustee for sixteen years.

On September 20, 1881, Mr. Horgan was married to Miss Mary E. Sheehy, of San Francisco, who came from a pioneer family, and was reared nearby in the Pajaro valley. Mr. Horgan belongs to the Knights of Columbus, and is a member of Lodge No. 1300, B. P. O. E.

JOHN P. MILLS.

When the city of Soledad was incorporated John P. Mills was made city judge, a position which he still holds. He was born at Freedom, Santa Cruz county, California, September 30, 1874, and is a son of Obed and Christina (Brandt) Mills. The father was born in Maine and upon reaching manhood became a carpenter and builder. At the time of the Civil war he and his brother, Boardman Mills, were out on a whaling voyage which lasted for four years. Four other brothers enlisted in the Union army and were never heard of afterward. In 1868 Obed Mills brought his family to California, where he engaged in mining, in which he acquired a considerable fortune, but later he lost much of what he had accumulated in a strawberry growing venture in the Pajaro valley. In 1876-77 he took up a tract of government land, which he developed, and followed ranching until his death in November, 1896. His widow, aged ninety years, is still living in Gonzales, California.

John P. Mills was given a grammar school education and upon leaving school learned the barber's trade. He first worked at that trade in San Francisco, then in Salinas and other California cities. Shortly after the beginning of the present cen-

tury he opened a shop in Soledad, which he still conducts. A little later he took up the study of law and in 1918 he was elected justice of the peace. He still discharges the duties of this office in connection with that of city judge.

Judge Mills is a democrat in his political views and has taken a commendable interest in all matters of a public character. He was one of the organizers of the Soledad Chamber of Commerce and was active in bringing about the inauguration of the city government.

In 1894 was solemnized the marriage of Judge Mills and Miss Dora E. Hill, and they have six sons and four daughters, namely: Ellen, now Mrs. Raymond Peoples; Rosie, now Mrs. Jerry Jury; Lola, wife of Murray Bruce; John A., Charles, Willie, Robert, James, Donald and Dorothy. The five older children are graduates of the Soledad high school, and the next two are students in that institution. All seven have won the distinction of being honor pupils.

JULIUS E. BURNETTE.

In Julius E. Burnette is intermingled the blood of France and Spain. His father, Augustus Burnette, a Frenchman, came from Havana, Cuba, to California as a single man and ran the Washington Hotel at Monterey. He married Marie Sanches, a cousin of Senorita Bonefacio, of Sherman rose fame, and in 1887 came to King City. There he built what is known as the French Hotel, which he conducted until he retired a few years ago from active business cares. Of the eleven children born to Augustus and Marie Burnette, Fannie, Lulu, Susie, Henrietta and Angeline are deceased. Susie is now Mrs. Ignacio Nuney; Helen is the wife of Peter Sogno; Eloise is Mrs. George Pendergast; Julius and F. C. are merchants in King City; and Gussie, the fourth of the family, is single.

Julius E. Burnette was born in Monterey in 1878. He was educated in the Monterey public schools and Colton Hall, of that city, and upon leaving school embarked upon his business career. His father erected a store building for him at King City and he put in a stock of goods. In 1916 he sold out and became a stockholder in the King City Mercantile Company. His brother, F. C. Burnette, now occupies the building in which he began business. The business with which he is now connected has changed names and personnel several times, but he has remained with it and is now one of the directors.

Mr. Burnette is a member of the Elks, the Eagles, the Foresters of America and the Knights of Columbus. In 1900 he married Miss Tuna Figueroa, a member of one of California's old Spanish families, one that was especially prominent in Los Angeles, where Figueroa street was named for them. It is now a business street. Two sons and one daughter have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Burnette. Delwin is a senior in the Santa Clara College; Lurline is a bookkeeper for the King City Mercantile Company; and Julius is a bell boy in the Hotel El Camino Real, at King City. All are graduates of the King City high school.

ROBERT HENRY HAMILTON.

An enterprising general contractor of valuable experience who has had the satisfaction of seeing many worth-while things accomplished in Santa Cruz county in his life time, and what is more, has himself contributed no little to their being so well done, is Robert Henry Hamilton, of the well known firm of Hamilton & Church, of 360 Ocean street, Santa Cruz, near which town he was born on a farm, October 13, 1888. His father was Robert E. Hamilton, who came to California in 1872, settling in San Francisco. A few years later he removed to Scott's valley, in Santa Cruz county, where he took up farming. In 1894 he came to Santa Cruz and engaged in the soap and glue business. He died in 1918, full of years and full of honors. He had married Miss Elizabeth Parsons, and she is still living, the center of a circle of devoted friends.

Robert Henry Hamilton attended both the grammar and the high schools of Santa Cruz, after which he enjoyed the excellent courses of a business college. He then worked for four years as an apprentice to the carpenter's trade and then started in business for himself. In February, 1915, he took into partnership J. M. Church, and since that time the name of the firm has been Hamilton & Church, their prosperous activity commencing with the needs of War-time. They have put up many of the finer residences in and around Santa Cruz, and in 1919 remodelled the St. George Hotel. They have their own planing mill, and turn out all the mill-work that goes into both the interior and the exterior of buildings. With the exception of the plumbing and the wiring, they thus under one management complete a dwelling, and so extensive are their operations, that they keep about forty men employed all the time. Mr. Hamilton belongs to the Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce, and as a live-wire democrat he displays the public-spiritedness one might expect from the fact that his father was long prominent in the city's affairs and served on the Santa Cruz council.

At Portland, on the 15th of June, 1924, Mr. Hamilton was married to Miss Jeanette Helegas, a native of Felton, Santa Cruz county. By a former marriage he has one child, a daughter, Vera. He belongs to the Elks and to the Foresters of America and both in business and in social life he follows with keen interest the trend of affairs in Santa Cruz county.

VINCENZO CRACCHIOLO.

A representative of the Italian people, and especially of those who have had the hardihood to cross the seas in quest of a larger field of usefulness and its accompanying rewards of fortune is Vincenzo Gracchiolo, well known barber of Monterey. He was born at Palermo, January 19, 1884, the son of Vincenzo and Kate (Randazzo) Cracchiolo, and he was fortunate in attending the schools of Italy. Then he engaged in the fishing industry in his native country and when he had made a good start in the world, that is at the age of twenty-five, he came to the United States in 1909, and lived for a while at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, working in the Union Iron Works, at ship construction.

Mr. Gracchiolo's next move was toward the Pacific and soon he was walking the streets of Monterey, as happy as he had ever been in sunny Italy. In 1915 he became interested in the barber shop he has since made so widely known, although he continued fishing. For eight years he followed fishing in Alaskan waters, notwithstanding the fact that on the first trip he made to that northern country, on the Columbia, the boat was wrecked, and being cast, with all the other passengers, upon the rocks, Mr. Gracchiolo suffered untold hardships and privations. Finally, the party was rescued and brought back to San Francisco. Misfortune also followed him on the second trip he made to the north, and less courageous hearts than that of Vincenzo Gracchiolo would have turned to other games for a livelihood for the second ship he was on was rammed by an old tanker and cut almost in two. He has had many interesting experiences, but he is now well established in a paying business in Monterey, where he is now well known and esteemed. Mr. Gracchiolo, who is one of the most progressive of the Italian colony, is a member of the Italian Citizenship Club, and in matters of national political moment he is a sturdy republican.

EDWARD P. PFINGST.

Large and varied business interests owe their inception and subsequent development to the initiative spirit and executive force of Edward P. Pfingst, who has been carried steadily forward by virtue of his commanding ability and has made his name one of power and influence in Watsonville, where his life has been spent. He was born in Munich, Bavaria, October 4, 1894, and was brought to Watsonville when but a year old. He was reared by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Porter, and

after completing his high school course matriculated in the University of California, from which he was graduated with the class of 1917. On October 14 of that year he enlisted in the United States navy and was stationed on the Pacific coast until January 13, 1919, when he received his honorable discharge.

Mr. Pfingst now acts as general manager of the John T. Porter estate at Watsonville and ably administers the interests intrusted to his care. He is senior member of the firm of Pfingst & McSherry, dealing in insurance, bonds and commercial paper, and also manages the business of the Peoples Finance & Thrift Company of Watsonville, both of which are prospering under his expert guidance. He is also president of El Pajaro Theatre Company, which built and owns the California Theatre, a modern, well equipped and ornate playhouse. This is a great asset to Watsonville, as is also the Pfingst & McSherry building, an imposing structure of concrete, which was recently completed by the firm and constitutes an important feature in the improvement and ornamentation of Watsonville. Mr. Pfingst is also a director of the Pajaro Valley Savings Bank of Watsonville and a strong factor in its control. He is a young man of exceptional enterprise and ability, dominated at all times by an accurate sense of business exigency and acting in accordance with the highest standards of commercial ethics.

Mr. Pfingst belongs to Watsonville Lodge, No. 1300, B. P. O. E., of which he is exalted ruler. He is foremost in every project for civic growth and improvement, and has won and retained the unqualified esteem of his fellowmen, who speak of him in terms of the highest praise.

MONTY HELLAM.

The value in the commercial world of an absolutely dependable name is well shown in the increasing popularity of the Frank Hellam cigars, offered to the public by the far-seeing, accommodating and enterprising manager, Monty Hellam, of Monterey, in which city he was born October 15, 1899. He is the son of Frank and Amelia (Plapp) Hellam, residents for a good many years of Monterey, where they may boast an enviable circle of devoted friends.

Monty Hellam attended the grammar and the high schools of Monterey, leaving off his secondary school courses that he might assist his father in the business of which he is now the practical manager. They have an extensive trade in both wholesale and retail departments, handling cigars, tobacco and candy, and turn over an amount of both stock and specie in the course of each year highly creditable to this part of the Pacific commonwealth.

Mr. Hellam was married February 11, 1923, to Miss Millie Bertha Roessler, of Wisconsin. Mr. Hellam has been associated with the fire department of Monterey for the last seven years and is now the first assistant chief. He is also a member of the California State Fireman's Association and of the Pacific Coast Association of Fire Chiefs. In matters of national politics, he gives his support to the democratic party but he prefers to vote at local elections for the best man and the best measures, rather than in accordance with party dictates. He is at all times helpfully interested in the public welfare and as a business man and citizen is of worth to the community.

HON. C. R. TAYLOR.

A representative of the California bar whose popularity as judge has not affected his level-headedness or his determination to do his duty at all times according to his conscience, is the Hon. C. R. Taylor, justice of the peace at Watsonville, in which city he was born, August 16, 1880. His parents were Charles E. and Eliza (Waugaman) Taylor, the former a native of the Canadian New Brunswick, the latter being a native of the Pajaro valley. Both of these worthy folks, alas, are today among the vast silent majority but they are properly represented in their two sons, Judge C. R. Taylor and William E. Taylor. Charles E. Taylor who came to Watsonville in 1875, was a

blacksmith, and from 1888 to 1896 he was employed along that line by the Western Beet Sugar Company. He passed away July 3, 1911, an honored member of Pajaro Lodge No. 90, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Judge Charles R. Taylor attended the Watsonville schools and then for three years worked for his father in the blacksmith shop. In 1901 he joined the rush to Alaska, where he spent one season at Placer mining. The next year, however, he enlisted in the United States navy and performed four years service in the Orient, much of the time sailing on the historic battleship, Oregon. Returning to Watsonville, he began reading law in the office of Judge Saus, and later, for three years, was a student and clerk in the law office of Messrs. Wyckoff & Gardner. On January 4, 1909, Judge Taylor was admitted to the bar. In January, 1918, he was appointed deputy district attorney, of Santa Cruz county, under District Attorney Ralph H. Smith, and served with credit from 1918 through 1919. In November, 1922, he was elected justice of the peace and has since been on the bench in Watsonville. A republican where national issues are involved, he is too broadminded to allow political lines to affect his freer bias in favor of all that is best, regardless of party or creed, for the locality in which he lives.

Judge Taylor was married February 22, 1909, to Miss Charlotte M. Demartini, a native of San Francisco, who shares his social life and the esteem of their many friends. Judge Taylor is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Pajaro Lodge, No. 90, and has been through all branches and attained to all chairs. He is likewise identified with the ladies auxiliary—the Rebekahs. He also belongs to Watsonville Lodge, No. 1300, of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and Watsonville Parlor, No. 65, N. S. G. W., of which he is a past president.

CHRISTIANO MACHADO.

Christiano Machado (commonly called Chris) was born in 1877, in Carmel-by-the-Sea, where his father, also named Christiano, was for many years a ranchman of prominence. He retired from active business cares in 1912 and died on June 26, 1924. Both parents were natives of the Azores Islands, who came to California in their early married life. They had nine children. In order of their birth these children are: Mary, Anton, Jessie, Katie, Lottie, Christiano, John, Mary Ann and Emily. The oldest, Mary, is now the wife of John Sucko; Jessie is the wife of Angel De Carli; Katie is Mrs. M. F. Martin; Lottie is Mrs. John Fratres; Mary Ann is Mrs. Charles Gould, and Emily is Mrs. Clarence Peterson.

Christiano Machado received a common school education and at the age of nineteen years began farming on his own account. Since that time he has been a tiller of the soil. In 1904 he was married to Miss Christina Olsen and soon afterward moved to the farm where he now lives, which is the property of his father-in-law, John Olsen, a prominent real estate operator of Salinas. This ranch consists of three hundred acres of good land. Mr. Machado carries on diversified farming, raising grain, sugar beets, beans and other vegetables. Mr. and Mrs. Machado have four children: Mildred, Alvin, Chrissy and Elmer.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CREWS.

A broad-minded, sympathetic and exceptionally experienced executive, whose administration of an important trust has commended him alike to all classes of citizens is Benjamin Franklin Crews, the efficient and popular superintendent of the County Hospital. He was born on a farm in Monterey county, about four miles south of Watsonville, September 20, 1870, the son of B. F. and Annie (Dunning) Crews, and enjoyed a boyhood enlivened by the stirring stories of his father, who had come to California soon after the discovery of gold and spent a number of years in mining ventures on the line between Virginia City and Sacramento. After the close of the Civil war, that rocked even distant California, the father came to Pajaro valley in 1865 and here followed agricultural pursuits. He had crossed the Great Plains with teams of oxen, and had undergone many of the privations of the real pioneer to enter

into and to help develop the Golden state. At his death he was laid to rest in the little cemetery at Watsonville. Mrs. Crews who was beloved by all who knew her, is also deceased.

Young Benjamin attended the rural schools of his district and what he did not succeed in getting through that training, he acquired in the larger school of actual experience. At the age of thirty, he left the farm and for years was identified with mercantile enterprises. In 1919 he was appointed superintendent of the County Hospital; and that position of peculiar delicacy and responsibility, calling for a deep insight into human nature, plenty of common sense, and a genuine sympathy with unfortunate mankind, he has held ever since, instituting many reforms and improvements. A republican in matters of national politics, and desirous of doing what he can to safeguard American institutions, Mr. Crews is public-spirited to a marked degree and interested in forwarding, in every legitimate way, any movement for the general good. Naturally, he belongs to the Native Sons of the Golden West, and he is also connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

On October 6, 1903, at Santa Cruz, Mr. Crews was married to Miss Elsie Detlefsen, a native of Santa Cruz county, and the daughter of an old settler, and two children, Orien Stanley and Mildred Marian, have blessed their union. Mrs. Crews is matron, or general manager of the hospital, and also renders her husband and the institution efficient aid.

M. W. McMENAMIN.

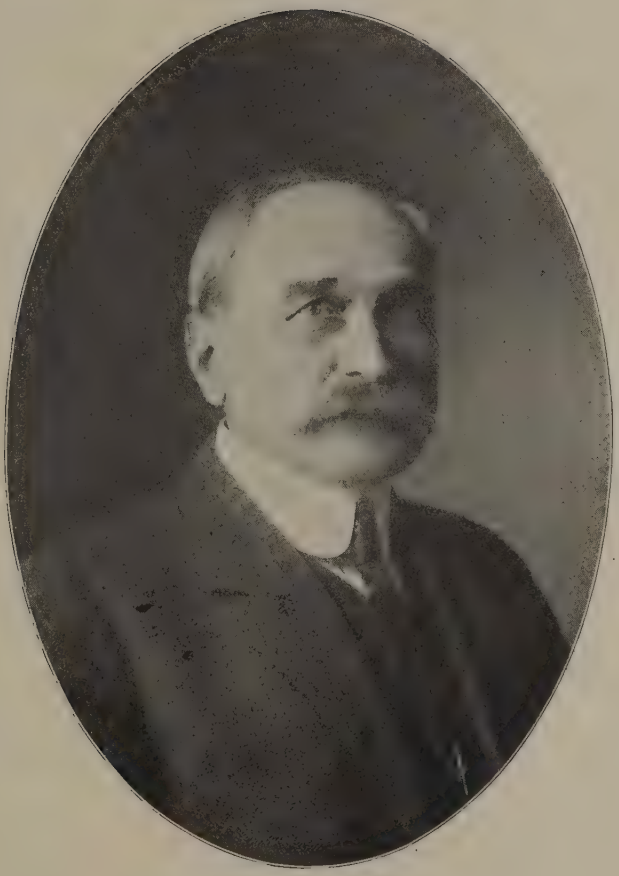
A broad-minded, progressive leader in local business circles whose standards and methods have helped to make Monterey favorably known beyond the confines of the county, is M. W. McMenamin, the affable and popular secretary of the Palace Drug Company. Born at Oakland, California, February 7, 1880, he is a son of Robert and Mary (Radcliff) McMenamin, a worthy couple who came to this state in 1870.

M. W. McMenamin was sent to both the Christian Brothers' school and St. Mary's College, and in 1894, when still very young, he entered the drug trade. At the end of two years of clerking, however, he took an important step forward and matriculated at the California College of Pharmacy, becoming a member of the first class that was graduated from the affiliated colleges in 1899. He then worked in East Oakland for six months and after that went to Petaluma for a year. Later he was for two years in West Oakland and in 1902 came to Monterey, where he accepted a position in the B. F. Wright drug store. In 1905 he formed a partnership with Mr. Wright and they incorporated the business under the name of the Palace Drug Store Company. Mr. McMenamin becoming secretary of the new organization. The firm now conducts three stores—their present store in Monterey, another at the Hotel Del Monte, and a third at Carmel, and all have become important business institutions in their respective localities.

Mr. McMenamin was married to Miss Laura B. Metz, a daughter of a well known and esteemed pioneer of Monterey county, and they have one son, named Harvey. Mr. McMenamin belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and he is also a member of the Rotary Club. He is a Knight of Columbus of the third degree, and also an Elk. In recreation, he likes nothing better than to see a good game of baseball. His deep interest in community affairs is indicated in the fact that he has been city treasurer since 1912 and his long term of service stands as unmistakable proof of his capability and fidelity in office.

THOMAS J. FIELD.

The recent interesting development of historic Monterey into a live city with many modern features and attractions is undoubtedly due, in part, at least, to the experience, sagacity and progressive enterprise of Monterey bankers, prominent among whom is Thomas J. Field, the popular manager of the prosperous Bank of Italy here. A native of the great Hoosier state, he was born June 3, 1848, near



THOMAS J. FIELD

Frankfort, Scott county, Indiana, which county was named after his mother's family. His father was Moses W. Field, long honored by all who were fortunate enough to know him, a man whose parents came from an ancient and distinguished English family and settled in Ohio, where they became identified with the bar and with agriculture.

At the age of eighteen, Thomas J. Field left the familiar environment of home and took up railroading in Kentucky, continuing in the same occupation after removing to California, which he reached on January 2, 1875. For eight years he was associated with the Southern Pacific Railroad, having his headquarters in San Francisco, and afterward was made right-of-way agent, continuing in that field for six years. He next identified himself with the Pacific Improvement Company and in 1892 he became one of the incorporators of the Bank of Monterey and Monterey Savings Bank of both of which he became president and general manager, thus continuing until 1923. Since the Bank of Monterey and Monterey Savings Bank became a part of the Bank of Italy in March, 1923, Mr. Field has been manager and vice president at Monterey, nor could one easily be found who might prove more devoted to the bank's service and the welfare of every patron. His business affairs led Mr. Field to take a live interest in Del Monte and to his acquiring substantial interests in various parts of the state, and for twenty-four years he served as a county supervisor, being made chairman of the board, and as a leading republican he has wielded a wide influence for good. It is his pride today that he has always directed his efforts toward bringing about, for both town and county, the greatest and most permanent benefits for the community.

In 1882 Mr. Field was married to Miss Catalina Danglada, a gifted daughter of the old aristocratic Spanish family of Danglada and Munras, that owns large holdings in Monterey county and is prominently connected with California's Spanish history. Two children have blessed this marriage; and they bear the names Maria Antonia and Stephen J. Monterey may well congratulate itself on having in its financial and social circles such a man of ability as Mr. Field as his contributions to the public welfare are considered a most tangible asset.

CHARLES BARDIN.

Back in the ante-bellum days, Charles Bardin's grandfather owned a large plantation and a number of slaves in South Carolina. His son James married Miss Lucinda Walker of Mississippi. In those days the Bardins and the Walkers were prominent families among the aristocracy of the old south. Then came the Civil war, which abolished slavery and changed conditions for slave-owners. However, James Bardin did not wait until these changed conditions came. In 1855 he visited the Salinas valley, bought a tract of land in Blanco, and the next year brought his family to the Pacific coast. His training in his native state of South Carolina gave him many of the necessary qualifications for leadership and he became a large landowner and influential citizen.

Charles Bardin, a son of James and Lucinda (Walker) Bardin, was born in Blanco, on February 1, 1859. He received a liberal education and ever since he reached the age of maturity he has been a ranchman and stock raiser. In 1896 he and his brother, Henry Bardin, built the Bardin Hotel in Salinas. This building, upon which they expended fifty thousand dollars, was at the time of its completion one of the finest hotels in the valley. After leasing it for three years, they traded it for a five-thousand-acre tract east of Salinas. As the land was well adapted for grazing, the brothers went into the cattle business. Subsequently they divided the land, each taking one-half.

At one time Charles Bardin owned several hundred acres of fine tillable land near Blanco. After giving each of his children a good farm, he still owns some acreage there and also owns five thousand acres of range land. Since 1912 he has devoted his time and attention exclusively to the cattle business and lives in the city of Salinas, where he is universally recognized as one of the most progressive and

public-spirited citizens. His fraternal affiliations are with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

On December 1, 1880, Mr. Bardin was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Ryder, a daughter of William and Rachel (Carr) Ryder, members of New England families and California pioneers. Mr. and Mrs. Bardin have four children: Elizabeth, the wife of W. J. Schween; Bertha G., the wife of C. Mothershead; Margaret R., wife of E. McHarry; and Charles W. All of these children live in the vicinity of Blanco.

MICHAEL J. LEONARD.

A wide-awake progressive representative of the important automobile industry is Michael J. Leonard, the junior member of the firm of Messrs, Marks & Leonard, at 120 Front street, Santa Cruz, agents for the dependable and celebrated Cadillac and Buick cars. He was born in Ireland, a son of Neal and Bridget Leonard. He crossed the ocean at the early age of six years, being adopted by his uncle, Michael Leonard, famous for his charities, who had come to the United States in 1851 and had settled in Massachusetts, where he engaged in business. Coming to California, our subject attended a parochial school in Santa Cruz and later entered the University of Santa Clara. At the outbreak of the World war, he enlisted in the army of his adopted country, joining the Engineering Corps, with which he served in France. On being honorably discharged, he returned to America and in Santa Cruz joined an engineering crew, following the profession of engineering until 1922, when he bought an interest in his present business.

The widely known firm of Marks & Leonard not only have the agency for the popular Buick car, an enviable business opportunity in itself, but they sell the Cadillac automobile as well, and as might be expected, they boast of one of the finest garages in the state to meet the demands of a superior and an ever increasing patronage. They have established a reputation for strictly first-class workmanship, and owners of any cars can always depend upon getting at this garage that particular attention and careful, conscientious labor so imperative for the upkeep of an expensive outfit. Those who once try the garage service of Marks & Leonard never fail to return, if they can and that speaks for itself. The remarkable record of the Buick for increasing vogue adds considerable interest to the story of this firm's successful ventures, while there is still a kind of magic about the name Cadillac.

Mr. Leonard married Miss Carmel Lemmermann, a gifted native daughter. He is a democrat in politics and fraternally is a member of the Elks and also belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

MRS. ALBERT R. ATWOOD.

Highly esteemed in the community in which she maintains and develops one of her chief interests, Mrs. A. R. Atwood, proprietor and manager of the Mission Hospital, has become an influential leader in Santa Cruz in movements for the welfare of humanity and the extension of the fame of both town and county as among the most desirable of residential districts in California. Mrs. Atwood was born at Sheridan, California, the daughter of George M. and Mary Ann (Fogerty) Adams, both worthy pioneers in the good old Golden state, her father having crossed the Great Plains as a boy, when he came direct to Watsonville. Her mother first saw the light in Placer county. Her maternal grandparents were '49ers, and so belong to that noble army of early settlers whose inestimable value has been extolled repeatedly by orator and poet and been the theme of painters in their highest art.

Mary Irene Adams attended the high school of Oakland and spent some time at Healdsburg College. She received her training as a nurse at the St. Helena Sanitarium, graduating in 1908. The next eight years were spent in hospital visiting nurse and private duty in both California and Washington. In 1916, she took over the Mission Hospital at 66 High street, Santa Cruz, from Verna Rose. This hospital was built

in 1906 by Dr. Melvin, who sold it to B. A. Schaffer, who in turn sold it to Mrs. Atwood. She has spent much money in making improvements in the building and has added much that represents the very latest in modern equipment. She employs only graduate nurses, and hence she has a first-class staff to assist her. There is a physiotherapy department, equipped for the scientific application of rational methods in combating disease, using the Battle Creek method of hydrotherapy, electrotherapy, massage, electric light treatments and ultra-violet treatments are also given. When she took over the hospital it had only ten beds but now it has more than double that number. She has also bought the adjacent property for the purpose of building a modern fireproof structure.

At Santa Cruz, April 7, 1917, Miss Adams was married to Albert R. Atwood, of Benicia, California, a marine engineer and a member of a pioneer family, who served in both the Philippine campaign and the World war. He was a member of the naval reserve and was called the day after war was declared.

Since his discharge from the army he has been employed as engineer at the Santa Cruz Portland cement plant. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Atwood have three children: Muriel Irene; and twin daughters, Rosemary and William.

J. P. WASSON.

In 1882 R. J. Wasson came from Ireland to America and soon after his arrival in this country settled at Hollister, California. The north of Ireland has furnished the United States some of its most worthy citizens and R. J. Wasson belongs in this category. Upon locating at Hollister he acquired land and engaged in farming, which occupation he followed until he retired and is now living in King City. He married Elizabeth Parker and J. P. Wasson is the second of seven sons born to them, the others being Robert, Samuel, Edward (deceased), William, John and James.

J. P. Wasson was born at Hollister in 1882. He received a common school education and lived upon his father's farm until he was about seventeen years of age, when he began working at the trade of a blacksmith. In this occupation he developed considerable skill, which, coupled with his energy and perseverance, quickly placed him on a solid business foundation. Locating at King City, he added a woodworking department for the repair of wagons, carriages and farm implements and has built up a good business. His shop is the only one of its kind in King City. He employs from three to six men the year round, does all kinds of forging, spring work, general repair work and horseshoeing. While the automobile has displaced the horse to some extent, Mr. Wasson still finds plenty of work for his experienced shoers, and his shop is one of the busy places of King City.

Mr. Wasson is a member of the Masonic fraternity and is recognized as one of King City's substantial citizens.

JOHN C. GEYER.

An enterprising operator who is experienced in the problems of transportation is John C. Geyer, widely known for his fortunate association with the dependable and popular Daniels Transfer Company, of Santa Cruz, in which city he was born on July 4, 1878. His parents were G. P. and Mary (Schupback) Geyer, and his father was an old-time painter, who settled in Santa Cruz in early days, and was a man of such accomplishments that he frescoed the Spreckles' home. Work becoming scarce in this section, however, he left for San Francisco to find employment but no one ever heard from him afterward, and it is presumed that he met with foul play. Mrs. Geyer, who was beloved by all who knew her, is also dead.

Left thus alone to contend with the world, Mrs. Geyer placed our subject in an orphanage at Watsonville for nine years, and when he began to work he found his first employment on a chicken ranch owned by J. W. Forgeus. He next spent four

years on the Winkle ranch, after which he managed for four years the ranch of Frank Madison, the county assessor, and for six months he was with W. C. Hoffman on the Moore ranch. Then, for five years, he was with every department of the California Powder Company, now the Hercules Company, and from there he went to the Santa Cruz Light & Power Company, as utility man. At the end of a year, he joined the city's service, and for four years was operating engineer in their power plant, and then, for ten years, he was superintendent of the electrical department for the city of Santa Cruz. During the World war he did double duty.

Resigning from his city position, Mr. Geyer became manager for the Santa Cruz Battery Company, but before six months had expired, he had embarked, in 1918, in the trucking business. Later, he joined Mr. Harvey and took over the Daniels Transfer Company. The company now operates seven trucks and three teams and wagons, and is the largest concern of its kind in Santa Cruz. Mr. Geyer has also been the proprietor of the Hotel Denver on Pacific avenue for the past eight years, a modern, up-to-date hostelry. He has been active for the past ten years in the Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce, and very naturally he belongs to the Native Sons of the Golden West.

Mr. Geyer married Miss Bertha Maud Young of Boston, a native of Mississippi, and they have had two sons, Elmer Wesley and John Lawrence, both of whom, with their father, registered for service during the World war. Mr. Geyer is an Odd Fellow, a member of the Foresters of America, and also of the Elks, the I. D. E. S., and the Loyal Order of Moose, in which orders he enjoys a wide acquaintanceship. In all of his enterprises, Mrs. Geyer has proven to be her husband's real helpmate.

THOMAS E. TRAFTON.

The name of Trafton has been identified with the Watsonville neighborhood in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties since pioneer days and the Trafton district in that vicinity takes its name from this family which came in here in the early '50s of the past century. Thomas E. Trafton, one of the best known ranchers of that section and a member of the directorate of the Pajaro Valley National Bank, was born in the Trafton district in the year 1875 and is a son of Charles D. and Eliza (Cathers) Trafton, who are still living and who have eight children, Thomas E. Trafton having three brothers, Henry, J. D. and W. G. Trafton; and three sisters, Mrs. J. M. Ritchie, Mrs. W. J. McGowan and Mrs. Fred Willoughby.

Charles D. Trafton, a substantial landowner of the Watsonville neighborhood, was born in Canada and is a son of David and Sarah (Woodbury) Trafton, the latter of whom spent her last days in California. David Trafton was a native of the state of Maine. In 1840 he became a resident of Missouri and was there engaged in the hotel and mercantile business until 1852, when he started with his family to make the long overland trip to California, the Traftons becoming a part of a considerable caravan that departed in that year from St. Joseph. Cholera got into the party and at Fort Kearney, David Trafton died, being then fifty-seven years of age. He had rendered service as a soldier during the time of the Mexican war. His widow came on to California with her family and settled in the beautiful Pajaro valley, in the vicinity of Watsonville, where she spent the remainder of her life, her death occurring there in 1891, when she was eighty years of age. At her passing she left a good memory, for she was indeed one of the real pioneer mothers of this region.

Reared on a farm in the Pajaro valley, Thomas E. Trafton received his education in the local schools and has from the days of his boyhood given his attention to farming and fruit growing, being now known as one of the large operators hereabouts. Mr. Trafton is the owner of a fine ranch of three hundred and ninety acres and resides on the old home place of his deceased uncle, the late John Trafton, a large landowner and philanthropist, who died in 1921. Mr. Trafton gives his chief attention to the raising of vegetables and berries but of late years also has gone somewhat extensively into chicken breeding and now (1925) has no fewer than eight thousand Leghorn chickens on his place. Besides his farm interests he is a member of the board

of directors of the Pajaro Valley Savings Bank of Watsonville, the largest financial institution in that city.

On June 6, 1905, Thomas E. Trafton was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Webb, who was born in Texas, daughter of W. J. Webb. Mr. and Mrs. Trafton have one child: A daughter, Dorothy. The Traftons have a very pleasant home and take an interested part in the general social activities of the community in which they live. Mr. Trafton is a Knight Templar and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine and both he and Mrs. Trafton are members of the local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in Watsonville.

LLEWELLYN A. RUTAN.

Llewellyn A. Rutan, proprietor of the Riverside Hotel and tourists' camp in Salinas, was born in 1871 in the city of Santa Cruz. He is the youngest of eight children born to Peter and Mary (Share) Rutan, both natives of New York state, who came to California some time in the '60s and located in Santa Cruz. The father was a talented musician, though blind, and traveled by stage or railroad to give lessons on the piano. He made these trips without serious difficulty and apparently as well as one could who had two good eyes.

After acquiring a good common school education, Llewellyn A. Rutan worked as a house painter in Los Angeles for about two years, later following that occupation in Salinas. He then became a bartender and in course of time owned saloons in San Jose and Monterey. These were always conducted in an orderly manner and he says he never took a drink himself, until after the passage of Volstead act and the adoption of the eighteenth amendment to the federal constitution, which established nation-wide prohibition. After this amendment went into effect he traveled over a considerable part of the country in 1922-23, part of that time conducting a battery service station in Oakland, California. He then returned to Monterey and was appointed to a place on the police force, where he served until September 1, 1924, when he leased the Riverside Hotel from A. L. Hinkel and established himself in his present business. This hotel contains twelve guestrooms, a large dining-room, a ballroom, and connected with it is a gasoline service station and camp ground for motorists. Mr. Rutan has thoroughly overhauled and renovated the place, and Riverside is becoming one of the most popular resorts in Monterey county.

Mr. Rutan was married to Miss Mary Campbell of Santa Clara, in 1899, and they have three children: Kellog was in the navy during the World war and rose to the rank of lieutenant; Wheeler is in the railway mail service, running between Sacramento and San Francisco; and Viona is a student in the Monterey high school. Mr. Rutan is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, which is the only order to claim his membership.

KNUD B. MOLLERSKOV.

The name of Knud B. Mollerskov was long closely and prominently associated with the history of progress in Watsonville and the Pajaro valley, and a life of great usefulness was ended May 2, 1914, when he was called to his final rest at the age of sixty-four years. He wrought along enduring lines, and many of the most substantial buildings in this locality stand as monuments to his progressive spirit and his ability as a carpenter and contractor. His were the sturdy qualities of the pioneer. He came to the new world empty-handed, achieving success through the utilization of every faculty and the stimulating friction that comes from battling with difficulties.

Knud B. Mollerskov was born at Rodding, in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, under the Danish flag, and there received his education, also serving an apprenticeship to the trades of a carpenter and mason. In 1876, when a youth of sixteen, he responded to the call of adventure and came to America. He spent a short time in the state of New Jersey and then started for Davenport, Iowa, where, in company with a number of his

fellow countrymen, he engaged in railroad work. He aided in constructing lines through the states of Iowa, Nebraska and Idaho, and in the discharge of his duties was obliged to walk hundreds of miles.

Mr. Mollerskov lived for a time in Boise, Idaho, and in 1880 came to California. He was first employed on a ranch in Alameda county and later was for three years driver of a brewery wagon in the city of Oakland. In 1894 he arrived in the Pajaro valley and for thirty years was numbered among the foremost building contractors of this region, acquiring that superior ability which results from concentrated effort and broad experience. He erected many homes which were the principal ornaments of their respective neighborhoods, pleasing to the eye and constructed with a conscientious regard for real utility and the comfort and convenience of their inmates. He was thoroughly trustworthy, executing all contracts promptly and living up to the spirit as well as the letter of an agreement. He was one of the pioneer builders of this locality and to its improvement contributed in notable measure. He resided for some time in Watsonville and subsequently established his home in Monterey county.

Mr. Mollerskov was identified with the Masonic fraternity, the Foresters and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. With him there was no compromise with anything that he did not consider right. He was never content with the second best, and his life in its thoughtfulness and consideration for others was the outpouring of a kindly, generous and sympathetic nature. He had a high conception of his duties, obligations and responsibilities, and his integrity in business affairs, his patriotism in matters of citizenship, his loyalty in friendship, and his devotion to home and family were characteristics which won for him the deep and sincere regard of all who were brought within the sphere of his influence.

Mr. Mollerskov is survived by a widow, a daughter, Madeline, and a nephew, Soren B. Pedersen. The last named is a skilled craftsman and has succeeded to his uncle's business. He was born in Rodding, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, June 12, 1890, and was educated in his native land, also learning the carpenter's trade. He emigrated to the United States in 1912, when twenty-two years of age, and followed his trade in Iowa and Wisconsin. He returned to Denmark in 1916 and was drafted for service in the World war, remaining at the front for one and a half years. In 1919 Mr. Pedersen again crossed the Atlantic to America, first locating in Wisconsin, but since 1921 he has been a resident of Watsonville, California. He is an expert carpenter and ably conducts the business founded by his uncle, of whom he is a worthy successor. He gives to the undertaking his undivided attention and the Clear Lake (Iowa) Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows is the only organization of a social or fraternal nature with which he is connected. Mr. Pedersen married Miss Johanna Christianson, a native of the town in which his birth occurred, and they have a son, John, who is one year old.

MARK A. PIXLEY.

Mark A. Pixley, of Monterey, an expert painting contractor, familiar with and proficient in executing all the demands for twentieth century decorating, is a native of Placer county, California, born at the mining camp of Bath, May 11, 1872, the son of Marshall and Ellen (Moss) Pixley. He has always been proud of the fact that his father crossed the great plains in the winter of '49, with a team of oxen, and thus, after untold hardships, reached the mines in Placer county, California where he remained for two years. He then removed to the town of Pixley, so named in honor of his father, Mark A. Pixley. In 1874 Marshall Pixley removed to Milpitas, and from that year until 1891 conducted the Milpitas Hotel. From 1891 until 1910 he was in San Jose and served as deputy sheriff. Then he returned to San Francisco, to live with his daughter, his wife having passed away.

Mark A. Pixley attended the public schools of Milpitas and San Jose, and after ward worked for J. Lasky in San Jose until 1898 when he went to Nevada, to join the Nevada Rough Riders and participated in the Spanish-American war. After being discharged he went to Elko in 1902 and engaged in painting, in which he had previously had some experience. He remained there until 1907, when he returned to San Jose, and on the 27th of May he came to Monterey, where he is now conducting

a successful and growing business as a painter, his patronage having assumed substantial proportions. His building, the Pixley Block, stands at the corner of Lighthouse and Prescott streets, and Pixley Hall, a room on the second floor, sixty by seventy feet, is the finest hall on the peninsula.

Mr. Pixley was married to Mrs. Alice Kelling, proprietor of the Pacific Ocean, House, a comfortable and popular inn which he assisted his wife in managing until December, 1919, dividing his time with his painting. Four children have blessed this union: Raymond W., Edwin W., Alice M., and Margie A. Pixley. The family attend the Christian Science church. Mr. Pixley is a Knight of Pythias, and he finds his recreation in hunting and fishing, at which he is an adept.

MILTON C. MAIN.

A very interesting enterprise of growing importance is that of the Seabright Bulb Company, whose proprietor is Milton C. Main, with offices at 445 Soquel avenue, Santa Cruz, in which old-time California city he was born March 27, 1884. His father was Charles Main, a native of Wisconsin, who came here in 1870, while his mother was Miss Helen Green, before her marriage, and she reached the Golden Gate by way of the tempestuous Horn. Charles Main early engaged in the lumber trade, and a brother, Harrison H. Main, our subject's uncle, was the founder of the San Jose Herald.

Milton C. Main attended the public schools of Santa Cruz and grew up in the atmosphere of his native town. Later he continued his studies at San Jose and also pursued the excellent courses in architecture offered by the International Correspondence School. He then spent eighteen years in the planing mills; and, rather curious to relate, while thus engaged became interested in the growing of bulbs, commencing in 1914 in a very modest way. Gradually he increased his acreage, and now he has ten acres set out to bulbs, all of which he sells at wholesale. So extensive is his business that he furnishes employment to twelve people, and being one of the largest growers of bulbs in this section, his products are shipped to every quarter of the land. It is very natural that Mr. Main should have become an ardent "booster" of Santa Cruz county, although that is no more remarkable than that he should ascribe much of the prosperity of the country to the "grand old party" of Lincoln and Roosevelt.

On the 30th of May, 1909, Mr. Main married Miss Stella Atkins, a native of Stockton, and they have two children: Marjorie and Milton Arnold have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Main and bid fair to honor the family name. Mr. Main is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and it is safe to say that he is as popular as any in that excellent order.

AUGUST ENGLAND.

August England is the alert and efficient city marshal of Carmel who by the prompt and faithful discharge of his duties has gained the esteem and confidence of all law-abiding citizens. He was born in Sweden, November 16, 1868, and for years he served in the Swedish army, as a sergeant in the King's Dragoons.

In 1892 Mr. England came to America, and following his military training and experience enlisted in the Eighth United States Cavalry, stationed at Fort Mead, North Dakota—forty-eighth standing Rock agency—and there he remained from 1892 to 1895, when he was transferred to the Fourth United States Cavalry. He participated in the Spanish-American war, and campaigned in the Philippine Is'ands from 1896 to 1899, being in all important advances against the enemy, and after serving with honor under General Lawton throughout his campaign, was honorably discharged in 1899. Following his return to the United States he was on police duty in the Yosemite National Park and afterward he was in the quartermaster's department in Vancouver.

In 1900 Mr. England served in China in the Quartermaster's corps pack train for a year and later, having again reached the new world, he was with the Fifteenth Cavalry in the Sequoia National Park. In 1902 he prospected for gold at Dawson and St. Michael, in Alaska. In 1903 he came to Monterey where he helped to establish the post at the Presidio, driving a four-mule team, and next was a member of the police force of Monterey in 1905-6. After the great earthquake and fire in San Francisco in 1906, Mr. England joined the Pinkerton detective force and helped maintain law and order in the badly-stricken city. From 1911 to 1913 he was chief of police of Monterey, and at San Francisco for a year and a half he did special police duty during the Panama-Pacific Exposition. In 1916 he was appointed city marshal and tax collector of Carmel. Truly a soldier of fortune, with an enviable record for actual, heroic service, such as few police officers anywhere throughout the United States could boast of, Marshal England, a handsome, commanding figure, straight as an arrow upon his black steed, is sure to command the attention of stranger or fellow townsman—a public official of whom Carmel ought to be and is justly proud. He belongs to the Spanish War Veterans of Monterey and it is certain that no other member enjoys a greater welcome when present at their interesting campfires.

Mr. England was married, June 20, 1905, to Mrs. Ella Albright, the ceremony taking place at Watsonville. The family circle included a stepson, Walter H. Albright, who served his country in the World war as a member of the United States navy, operating in French waters. Fraternally Mr. England belongs to Lodge No. 334, I. O. O. F., of San Francisco. His life activities have taken him to many parts of the world and his experiences have been varied and interesting. He has never been lacking in the heroic qualities of the soldier nor the loyalty that makes for good citizenship in times of peace as well as days of war.

OTTO D. STOESSER.

The life record of Otto D. Stoesser is the story of a man whose talents were used for the benefit of Watsonville and the Pajaro valley. He seemed to know intuitively when the time was ripe for the institution of a new project and his very personality was an inspiration to progress. Gifted with keen insight and a broad grasp of affairs, he was constantly increasing the scope of his activities and left the impress of his individuality upon many lines of the city's development. He sought no public office, preferring to keep his personality in the background, and his demeanor was ever marked by that courtesy which is the outward manifestation of a generous, kindly nature. His career was conspicuously useful and his death, on the 29th of January, 1923, at the age of fifty-four years, was an irreparable loss to his community and state.

Mr. Stoesser was a lifelong resident of Watsonville and a son of Otto and Elizabeth J. (Doran) Stoesser, pioneers in the settlement of the Pajaro valley. Of the children in their family, all have passed away with the exception of a daughter, Julia M. Stoesser. The father was the holder of much valuable real estate in Watsonville and rendered signal service to the city, which numbered him among its builders and promoters. In 1872 he erected the Stoesser block, which at that time was the finest in this locality and is still standing on Main street. He was also a forceful factor in the agricultural development of the valley and the large ranch on the Beach road was a part of his estate.

His enterprising spirit and business ability were qualities inherited in full measure by his son, Otto D. Stoesser, who attended the public schools of Watsonville and was subsequently graduated from the Santa Clara University. After his father's death he assumed charge of the estate and successfully administered the interests intrusted to his care, consisting of large business properties in Watsonville and many acres of farm land in the valley. For many years he was president and manager of the large retail business on Main street which his father had founded in the early days and which was afterwards merged with the Pajaro Valley Mercantile Company. He was one of the organizers and the vice president of the L. D. McLean Grocery Company of San Francisco and a stockholder in various corporations. He

OTTO D. STOESSER

was the executive head of the Appleton Investment Company and was largely responsible for the construction of the Appleton Hotel & Theater building, which is a great asset to the city and stands on land owned by that company. He found much enjoyment in the solution of complex business problems and gave his best efforts to every task that he undertook, never failing to reach his objective, while the methods which he employed were always honorable and straightforward.

Mr. Stoesser was twice married, his second union being with Miss Anna M. Farlin, a native of Eureka, California, and a representative of one of the pioneer families of the state. They were married August 18, 1915, and became the parents of two daughters, Mary Elizabeth and Rose Anne.

Mr. Stoesser was a benefactor of the St. Francis Orphanage, and a faithful follower of the precepts of St. Patrick's Catholic church, which lost a tower of strength in his passing. He took quite an interest in politics and served on the county central committee of the democratic party. He was active in behalf of the Watsonville Chamber of Commerce and the Young Men's Christian Association. He was honored with the presidency of the California Apple Show and was also chosen a member of the Redwood Park Commission of California. He belonged to Watsonville Council, No. 953, of the Knights of Columbus; to the local lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and was also a member of Watsonville Parlor, No. 65, of the Native Sons of the Golden West. He was a keen analyst of men and conditions and his mind bore the impress of sincerity and candor. His was a many-sided, forceful personality and his life was an inspiring example of good citizenship. Broad-minded, sympathetic and genial, Mr. Stoesser won friends wherever he went and the years served to strengthen his hold upon their esteem, for his was a character altogether admirable.

RONALD W. HUNT.

Few public officials in recent years have enjoyed more of the esteem of their fellow citizens than has fallen to the lot of Ronald W. Hunt, horticultural commissioner of Santa Cruz county, and none have merited it more. Born at Niles, in Alameda county, on January 24, 1897, he has grown up in familiar touch with California and its institutions, and with a growing and valuable knowledge of the resources of the Golden state. His father, H. R. Hunt, was a native of St. Paul, Minnesota, and married Miss Sarah Mosher of Livermore, Alameda county. He came to California in the '70s, and it was here that he met his future helpmate, while he was a fruit-grower in Alameda county.

Ronald W. Hunt attended the Niles grammar school and the Centreville union high school in Alameda county, and later he matriculated at the University of California, from which he was duly graduated in 1919, receiving the Bachelor's degree for his successful work in pursuing the agricultural course. Having a fine tenor voice while in college he was president of the Glee Club, during his senior year, and he took the leading part in the Senior Extravaganza, in 1919, and also the lead in Treble Cleff Opera in 1917. He belonged to the fraternities, Alpha-Zeta and Alpha-Sigmi-Phi; and this fraternity experience doubtless led him to join the Centreville Lodge, No. 167, of the Free & Accepted Masons. He is also a member of the Sciots.

Mr. Hunt has an enviable war record, connecting him with the great world struggle of recent years. He left college to enlist in the United States navy, entering the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, from which he was graduated with a commission as ensign of the regular navy. He joined the steamship Huntington, an armored cruiser doing convoy service, and he was in the war zone for four months. After graduating from the University of California, Mr. Hunt was horticultural inspector of Alameda county for a year and a half, and then was deputy county horticultural commissioner of Santa Clara county, making such an enviable record that in November, 1923, he was appointed horticultural commissioner of Santa Cruz county.

The marriage of Mr. Hunt took place at San Jose, on July 5, 1924, when he chose for his wife Miss Lucile Nichols, of Seattle, a graduate of the Teachers College at San

Jose, which conferred upon her the coveted degree of Bachlor of Arts—a gifted and an accomplished lady bidding fair to enter enthusiastically into her husband's professional work, and to assist him to advance the day when Santa Cruz county will come to its own.

REUBEN S. TICE.

Among the best stocked electrical headquarters in Monterey is the well managed Tice Electrical Shop, owned and conducted by Reuben S. Tice, at 120 Pearl street. He carries a very complete line of electrical goods and supplies and his close attention to business and his enterprising methods are bringing him deserved success. He was born at Salinas, California, March 10, 1899, a son of Sidney J. and Florence E. (Corey) Tice, old time residents of the Monterey peninsula, the father having long had a planing mill here.

Reuben S. Tice attended the public schools of Pacific Grove, and then took a business training and an electrical engineering course. He enlisted in the United States navy during the World war and saw two and one-half years of severe service, part of the time doing duty on transports, one trip alone having taken him to nearly every part of Europe and Africa. All in all, he made sixteen trips across the ocean and it was not until June, 1919, that he received his honorable discharge after which he returned to Monterey.

Mr. Tice afterward went to Fresno, where he worked for the Valley Electric Company and the Robinson Electric Company for a year, and following his return to Monterey he established his present business in the spring of 1922. He has met with success of the kind that encourages a man to put forth his best effort. He carries a full line of electrical supplies, also deals in vacuum cleaners, washing machines, stoves and ranges and stands ready at all times to contract for electric installations. He employes five men, and these have assisted him ably to do such excellent work as will be found to his credit in the Furlong building, the Palace Grill, in many private residences and in the Holman building of Pacific Grove. He belongs to the Builders Association and to the Electrical Device League, and he is always ready to cooperate with any civic organization in the betterment of both town and county.

Mr. Tice married Miss Hazel Beck, a native of San Bernardino, the ceremony taking place at San Jose. She shares her husband's liking for boating, and with him also partakes of other sports in the great open. They have many friends in Monterey and enjoy the warm regard of all who know them.

WALTER J. FOSTER.

Although a native of the east, Walter J. Foster is thoroughly western in spirit and interests, for his life has been spent in California, and for thirty years Watsonville has numbered him among its citizens. Diligence and determination have constituted the foundation upon which he has reared the superstructure of success and he is now recognized as one of the city's leading business men. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts, March 4, 1874, and when an infant was brought to the Golden state by his parents, who died shortly after reaching the Pacific coast. Mr. Foster was reared by his grandparents, who operated a small dairy in the redwood district of Mendocino county, California. They were poor people and had a hard struggle to secure a livelihood. Mr. Foster acquired his education in a little red schoolhouse, to which he walked barefooted a distance of five miles. As a boy he worked at odd jobbs and later went to San Francisco, obtaining a position in the stable of the Stone Draying & Livery Company. He came to Watsonville in 1894 and was first employed by C. Stowe, later working for Messrs. Tuttle and McGowan and George Leland. For eighteen years he was in the service of the White-De Hart Company, winning a high place in the esteem of that firm, and in 1921 established a business of his own, organizing the firm of W. J. Foster & Sons, of which he has

since been the executive head. They are retail dealers in wood and also operate a gas and oil station in Watsonville. Mr. Foster's well directed efforts are ably supplemented by the labors of his wife and sons, and the business is a prosperous and growing one.

On February 25, 1902, Mr. Foster married Miss Gladys Gough, one of Watsonville's native daughters. Her father followed the occupation of farming and was one of the early settlers in the Pajaro valley, in which he located about the year 1865. Mrs. Gough was born in Monterey county, California, and was a member of the Plaskett family, one of the oldest in that section of the state. Her father crossed the plains in 1849 and was one of the first miners in the mother lode country in the high Sierras of California. Mr. and Mrs. Foster have become the parents of six children: Edna, Elwood, Herman, Hazel, Rush and Ila, aged respectively: twenty-three, nineteen, eighteen, sixteen, thirteen and ten years. During the period of his residence in Watsonville, Mr. Foster has always evinced a deep interest in matters pertaining to the welfare and progress of his community, and that he is a man of strict integrity and genuine worth is indicated by the place which he holds in the esteem of his fellow citizens.

EARL McHARRY.

Earl McHarry, proprietor of the Blanco Dairy, was born in Contra Costa county in 1883, and is a descendant of one of the pioneer families. His grandfather, James McHarry, came from Ireland and was one of the early gold miners of California. Later he purchased land in Contra Costa county and became a prosperous ranchman. Earl McHarry's father, also named James, was born in Contra Costa county, there grew to manhood and was married. He died when the subject of this sketch, who was the only child, was about three years old. Soon afterward the mother went to Salinas, where she taught school for a number of years. She also taught in the San Luis Obispo district and later at Walnut Creek. Eventually she married again and is now living in Berkeley, California.

Earl McHarry received a common school education, and at the age of twelve years he went to live with James Bardin, where he remained until he was about nineteen. In 1902 he went to work for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company as a locomotive fireman and in due time was promoted to engineer. In 1909 Mr. McHarry was married to Miss Margaret Bardin, daughter of Charles Bardin, whose father gave her eighty-five acres of land in Salinas valley. Mr. McHarry then gave up railroading and engaged in farming until 1922, when they established the Blanco Dairy, beginning with twelve cows. By the exercise of industry and good management he has increased his herd to one hundred and fifty cows, all of good grade and tested for tuberculosis. He has one of the best appointed dairies in the Blanco district and retails his milk in Salinas.

Mr. McHarry still holds his membership in the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, and belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. Mr. and Mrs. McHarry have one son, Charles.

MARTIN A. TOVARAZ.

Martin A. Tovaraz, one of Watsonville's enterprising merchants, has made each day count for the utmost, improving the opportunities of the hour and thus advancing steadily in a land where the individual is unhampered by class distinctions. He was born October 15, 1883, at Stoh, in the province of Dalmatia, Austria, and his home was situated on the sea coast. His father was a fisherman and when the son was eight years of age he was allowed to accompany him on the nightly expeditions for anchovies and sardines, which were caught in a net. A light was cast down into the ocean and the nets were filled while the boat was in motion.

In 1899, when sixteen years of age, Martin A. Tovaraz followed the tide of im-

migration to America, coming direct to San Francisco, California, of which city his uncle was a resident. He was given employment as dish washer in the latter's restaurant at No. 522 Sacramento street, and his evenings were spent in the study of English at the Lincoln school at the corner of Fifth and Market streets. He worked for six months for his room and board and later was promoted to the position of cook. Leaving San Francisco, Mr. Tovaraz came to Santa Cruz county and for two months engaged in picking apples and cherries in the vicinity of Capitola. He next went to Arroyo Grande, in San Luis Obispo county, and worked for a time as a fruit packer for L. G. Sresovich. He then returned to San Francisco and reentered the employ of his uncle. Later the subject of this sketch became the proprietor of a cafe at the corner of Post and Powell streets, but lost everything in the memorable fire of 1906. In the fall of that year Mr. Tovaraz came to Watsonville and for one and a half years was employed in the Main street restaurant of Andrew Strazicich. On the expiration of that period he returned to San Francisco and opened a restaurant at No. 30 Luderdorff street, which he conducted for eight years under the name of the Insurance Grill. In 1919 he took over the management of the Central Hotel of Watsonville, which he operated for four years, and is now at the head of the Plaza Grocery Company of this city. Their store is situated at No. 22 Peck street and is one of the finest groceries in Watsonville. Mr. Tovaraz is a business man of broad experience and mature judgment, and under his expert management the firm is constantly expanding the scope of its activities.

In San Francisco, in 1912, Mr. Tovaraz married Miss Anna Bakich, who was reared and educated in that city but was born in the province of Dalmatia. They have a family of three children: Anthony, Peter and Nina, aged respectively twelve, nine and seven years, and all are natives of San Francisco.

Along fraternal lines Mr. Tovaraz is connected with the Independent Order of Foresters, being a member of Court No. 10 of San Francisco. He is also affiliated with the Austrian-American Society of Watsonville and the Austrian Military Society of San Francisco. Being a man of strong purpose, progressive spirit and indefatigable energy, he has "made good," and his fellow citizens entertain for him high regard.

ERNEST DOELTER.

Ernest Doelter of Monterey, one of the most experienced and enterprising chefs and caterers of the Pacific coast was born in Germany, the son of Carl and Louisa (Yackers) Doelter, the former a contractor who operated rather extensively. The parents have long since gone to their eternal rest.

Reared in a comfortable home, Ernest Doelter profited by the excellent schools of the Fatherland. Leaving home at the age of eighteen—when so many young men are filled with wanderlust, the desire to roam and see the wide, wide world—he made his way to various foreign countries and finally sailed for New York, where he arrived in 1880. Five years later, he became a citizen of the United States, and after that he visited and worked in many different localities before he came to California in 1886. A year after he had reached the Golden state, Mr. Doelter came to Monterey with General Miles, for whom he was caterer, and in 1906 he returned to the historic old town resolved to establish himself permanently here. He has made the abalone his specialty, for previous to this time the public generally did not consider it fit to eat. As the result of his experiments he now produces some of the most appetizing and attractive dishes and his place is extensively patronized by those who desire the delectable abalone as well as the many other foods deliciously served. He is anxious to build a station below the new highway for the purpose of further propagating the abalone, which is very fertile, giving out some two million eggs at the first spawning. He has succeeded in interesting the biological department of the United States, and he is so enthusiastic about the matter that he has consented to furnish the station.

Mr. Doelter was married to Miss Vera Schmolke, the ceremony taking place in Portland, Oregon, and five children have blessed their union: Carl, Ernest, Mrs. Vera Stokes, Mrs. Minnie McMurray and Otto. There is also another group, two grand-

children, to give joy to Mr. Doelter and his wife. In politics a republican, aside from exercising his right of franchise for those measures which he deems of greatest value to the community, he is not active in political affairs but finds his chief satisfaction in attending strictly to his rapidly-growing business and in the enjoyment of his comfortable home.

B. RAY GREENFIELD.

B. Ray Greenfield, with office at 108 Grant street, Santa Cruz, is an experienced, enterprising contractor who has made for himself an enviable reputation in his chosen line. A native Californian, proud of the Golden state in which he first saw the light, Mr. Greenfield was born at the old capital, San Jose, June 4, 1886, the son of Charles E. and Elizabeth (Ferguson) Greenfield. The father came to California in 1866, accompanying his parents, who settled in San Jose, and there he engaged in the wood and coal business. In 1888, however, the family came to Santa Cruz, where the father served as city commissioner and superintendent of streets for twenty-four years, retiring in 1920.

Having finished the usual grammar school work, Ray Greenfield was graduated from the Santa Cruz high school and business college, and then, for fourteen years, he followed carpentering, being for five years a contractor in Sacramento. In the spring of 1917 he joined the United States army, and in July of that year he was assigned to the United States air service. He soon developed a reputation as an expert mechanic, and for that reason he was retained in this country during the World war.

In July, 1919, having been honorably discharged, Mr. Greenfield returned to California and took up street paving in Santa Cruz. He worked for nine months at North Island, doing street work for the United States government, and since then he has paved all of the streets in and about the beach at Santa Cruz, and he has just built the concrete bridge over the Salinas river in Monterey county. All this he has been able to accomplish although he started with a capital of only three hundred dollars. No one could be more interested in Santa Cruz county, past, present and future. If there be any sport possible in the line of hunting or fishing hereabouts, Ray Greenfield is ready for the drive. He is a member of the American Legion and for one year served as commander of the local post, Legion of Honor. In politics he is a republican.

In 1909, in Sacramento, Mr. Greenfield married Miss Marguerite Gaa, who died in May, 1916, leaving one child, Marguerite. On the 14th of July, 1919, he was united in marriage to Miss Georgia Brown, of San Francisco, and this union has been blessed with two children, Allen and Winifred, the latter now deceased.

KRISTIAN MELIN.

Kristian Melin, superintendent of the Nestle's Food Products Company's milk plant in Coburn, was born in Sweden, December 29, 1873, a son of Peter and Augusta (Bergstrom) Melin. His father was a seafaring man and in the course of some of his voyages visited California, but did not become a citizen. His life, after he left the sea, was quietly spent in his native Sweden.

After acquiring a common school education, Kristian Melin became a sailor and followed that occupation for several years. In 1890, when he was about seventeen years old, he came from Australia to San Francisco. Favorably impressed with the general appearance of the city, he decided to remain there and until 1896 was employed on vessels in the bay. He then went to Salinas, where for a year or so he was in the employ of the Spreckles Sugar Company. During the next three years he was in charge of the boat and bath-houses at Pacific Grove and was then with the Associated Oil Company for ten years, after which he came to his present position. For several months Mr. Melin worked like a Trojan to place everything in working

order. Since then he has kept it so and it is now one of the best milk plants in central California.

In 1900 Mr. Melin was married to Agnes Archer of Salinas, whose father was county physician for twenty years. Mr. and Mrs. Melin have two daughters: Katherine and Virginia. Mr. Melin owns a house and some lots in Pacific Grove. He is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, and belongs to the Sciots.

CHARLES B. LEWIS.

Recognizing the duties and obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship, Charles B. Lewis enlists his talents as readily for the public weal as for his own success and his work as a surveyor has been of inestimable value to Watsonville and the Pajaro valley. His public service has been of a most important character and he is now acting as supervisor for the fourth supervisoral district of Santa Cruz county, of which office he has been the incumbent for a period of seven years.

Mr. Lewis was born April 8, 1872, in Blue Earth, Minnesota, and his parents were J. J. and Margaret (Wilde) Lewis. The father was a native of Pennsylvania and in 1850 came to California by way of the Isthmus of Panama, locating in San Jose, California, where he engaged in surveying for a time. He then returned to the east but in 1876 decided to make his permanent home in the Golden state and came with his family to the Pajaro valley. They resided for a few years in the Corralitos district and then moved to Watsonville, where the father successfully followed his profession, that of surveyor, contributing materially toward the development of the city.

Charles B. Lewis received his education in the Corralitos school district and at the early age of fifteen years began working in lumber camps of the redwood section of Santa Cruz county. He filled the position of saw filer and was engaged in logging and all branches of the lumber industry, with which he became thoroughly familiar. In 1897 he decided to follow in the professional footsteps of his father, under whom he acquired a comprehensive knowledge of the work of surveying, and in 1899 received his certificate. For over a quarter of a century Mr. Lewis has followed this vocation with ever increasing success, and recognition of his superior ability led to his selection for the position of city engineer, which he filled for twelve years, laying out many of Watsonville's streets and subdivisions. In 1918 he was called to his present office, to which he was reelected in 1923, and enjoys the distinction of being the first man elected supervisor for the fourth district of Santa Cruz county without opposition. He has made an exceptionally fine record, discharging his duties with marked thoroughness and efficiency, and the worth of his work is uniformly conceded. He is a strong champion of the good roads movement and under his regime the highways in this county have become the best in the state. He has paved practically the entire valley, thus making possible its present prosperity and high state of development. Mr. Lewis is also a member of the city council, in which he is serving for the second term. He has seen the transformation of Watsonville from a village with cow paths and dirt roads to a thriving city with fine streets and all modern improvements. He rejoices in what has been accomplished, and his achievements constitute an important chapter in the history of this district.

In 1898 Mr. Lewis married Miss Annie M. Miland, now deceased, and they became the parents of four children, two of whom are deceased. Those living are Edna M. and Frank B.

FRANK E. RAITER.

A widely experienced and very enterprising leader in the fish-handling trade is Frank E. Raiter, the president of the popular San Xavier Fish Packing Company at Monterey, who is a native of Switzerland and one of the many sons of the Helvetian republic who have made more than good in California, while helping to develop the resources of the Golden state. His parents were Felix and Mary Raiter.

Frank Raiter's love of adventure urged him to cross the broad Atlantic to the new world and here, for fifteen years, while he early mastered English, he was employed in the wine trade. In 1917, however, he came to the Pacific coast and at Monterey he engaged in fish-packing, working for others and improving their trade by methods and appliances of his own. When the San Xavier Fish Packing Company was formed, Mr. Raiter had the honor and the good fortune of being elected its first president and manager. The Company employs twenty men, has a modern plant, and has superior facilities for not only packing but marketing of fish.

Mr. Raiter married Miss Emily Ettone, and their happy married life has been blessed with three children: Dorothy, Beatrice and Jacqueline. He is fond of outdoor sports, especially of hunting. Proud of his adopted city and county he is ready at all times to work for the best interests of the community and is enthusiastic for civic growth and reform. In national politics he is a democrat.

ORVAL E. PUTOFF.

A man of valuable experience in the somewhat changing conditions of the California ice trade is Orval E. Putoff, manager of the Union Ice Company, at 190 Chestnut street, Santa Cruz, in which city this wide-awake concern is doing a thriving business. Mr. Putoff was born in Indiana on the 14th of February, 1889, and is a son of Mazwell and Ruth Putoff, pioneers in that fine old state. With such parents and such a home, our subject enjoyed a boy's real boyhood, at the same time getting what he could from the public school advantages that were his.

In early manhood Mr. Putoff enlisted in the United States army and for eight years marched under the Stars and Stripes. He saw service in all parts of the world, finally doing his duty faithfully in France during the World war. There he was wounded while in action and so badly that he now draws a pension for disability.

The first position that Mr. Putoff held with the Union Ice Company was in Monterey, where he made many friends, but in 1922 he was transferred to Santa Cruz and since then he has been steadily advanced by his employers, until now he occupies the responsible post of manager. He feels that he is vitally connected with the growth of the city and is second to none in doing his part toward a greater Santa Cruz. He belongs to the Rotary Club and that alone speaks for itself.

On the 26th of March, 1924, at Tacoma, Washington, Mr. Putoff married Grace May Rohrer, a native of Virginia, and they now make their home in Santa Cruz, where they have gained many friends who esteem them highly. In politics Mr. Putoff votes for the man and not the party dictates. For recreation he turns to fishing.

FRANCIS C. SWAIN.

Francis C. Swain of Monterey is a clever, enterprising inventor and successful organizer of industry, who is likely to reap a fortune quite as much through his untiring application to the solution of an interesting and important problem, as to his genius. He has lately come into new prominence as the manufacturer of a product certain to be very popular with builders, known as abolonite. Mr. Swain was born at Baritz, France, July 24, 1866, the son of J. C. and Mary Swain, his father having descended from fine old English stock. After attending the schools of France he came to the United States at the age of eighteen and soon made his way west to San Francisco, where he attended the Jesuit institute, from which he was duly graduated.

After finishing his studies Mr. Swain learned photography and established business under what seemed to be very promising circumstances in the Bay city but when he had secured a liberal patronage everything was destroyed through the great earthquake and fire of 1906. That same year, he removed to Monterey, where he opened a photograph gallery, which he conducted until 1917. He then entered an altogether different field, engaging in the fish business on the wharf, opening a first-class mar-

ket, which he still conducts, to the satisfaction alike of citizens and tourists who know that in Monterey they can secure certain delicacies of this kind not to be obtained in other parts of the world.

During all this time, when Mr. Swain has been handling and vending fish, among them the abalone, he has been revolving in his mind some method of making the variegated and richly-colored abalone shell of some particular commercial value, and he has at last discovered the way of best reducing the shell to flakes, retaining all the richness of color, so that this abolonite, as it is called, is now used extensively in the building of stucco homes. He has patented his method, and has built the first unit of his plant for producing the abolonite in quantity. He also contemplates reviving a once popular and artistic industry, the manufacture of abalone jewelry.

Mr. Swain married Miss Emma Detter, of Los Angeles, and a native of this state. Mr. Swain is a professional piano player and she shares his love of music. In national politics he is a republican, finding in the platforms of that party the elements which he believes will best work for good government.

ADDI WESLEY WYMAN.

Prominent among the public officials of Santa Cruz county whose excellent records for fidelity and efficiency have made them exceptionally popular, is Addi Wesley Wyman, the county supervisor, living at Soquel. He is a Canadian by birth, though born near the Vermont line, of Yankee parents, who migrated north from the good old state of New Hampshire. Our subject was born September 21, 1856, and is a son of Alba and Sarah (McGaffey) Wyman, of English and Irish descent. The father was a farmer, who came to Grass valley, California, as long ago as 1849, but later returned to Canada, where he became well-to-do. In 1874 he again came to California, and this time took up his residence at Santa Cruz, where he died and his remains were interred in the cemetery of the Odd Fellows.

Addi Wyman is the product largely of the excellent schools of Canada but he was fortunate in coming to California when only twenty years of age, so that he has been able, for years, to study conditions here and to keep himself in close touch with the spirit of the Californians. He first followed agricultural pursuits and then learned the trade of millwright. Having reached the Golden state on the 1st of April, in the Centennial Year of '76, he began to work for Grover & Company, and continued in their sawmill in Soquel Canyon for ten years. Then he took up contracting and building for himself and continued a leader in that field for thirty-six years. He also built many roads and bridges in various parts of the county, and especially in this section, so that he became very familiar with the district.

From 1902 to 1906, Mr. Wyman served his first term as supervisor, and on January 1, 1921, he was reelected. He has been very active in road work and since he gives all of his time to his public duties and is most conscientious in the discharge of what is expected of him, he has succeeded in equipping his district with as fine highways as may be found, in their class, anywhere in the state. He made all of the grades between here and Watsonville and he is the pioneer in the matter of good roads in this part of California. He is noted for his successful "fills" on a very extensive area, and he may point with pride to fine highways built by him over thirty years ago and still in excellent shape. His bridges, also, have stood the test; and his grades were accepted and used by the state highway commission.

Not long ago, when Mr. Wyman was a candidate to succeed himself as supervisor of the second supervisorial district, a newspaper said of him: "By all means, he should be reelected for another term. The administration of Supervisor Wyman is beyond doubt or question the most progressive one attained by any supervisor of this mountainous district in the past quarter of a century. When Mr. Wyman assumed the duties of supervisor, he found the one hundred and forty miles or more of roads in a deplorable condition; a district with practically no equipment, dissatisfaction was rampant among the taxpayers who were residents of his district and were not on the paved highway. His management of the duties of his office, therefore, has been such as not only to win the admiration and approval of his con-

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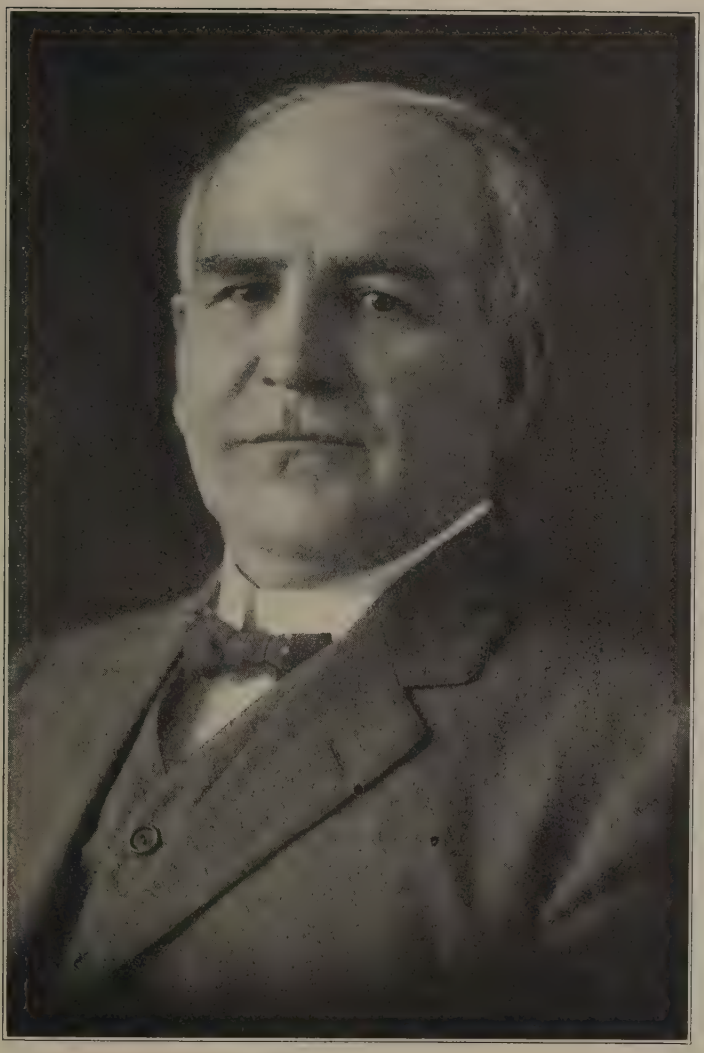

ADDI W. WYMAN

stituents, but has given him an enviable reputation among the members of the state highway commission, and others also of authority in road building.

"With the thought of his district and the county ever in mind, Mr. Wyman has been the means of securing several thousand dollars' worth of government trucks that had been turned over to the state highway commission to be loaned or rented to the various counties at a rental of one dollar a year per truck."

On the 21st of September, 1882, Mr. Wyman married Miss Anna Jane Parrish, a daughter of Joshua Parrish, of Soquel. Her father was born in Ohio and came to California in 1849, but in 1853 returned to his native state, where he married Narcissa Dell. The same year he returned with his bride to Soquel, where he bought a large tract of land, making his home there until his death, which occurred July 24, 1898. His wife survived him until May 9, 1911, dying at the home of Mr. Wyman. To our subject and his wife have been born the following children: Lorretta is now Mrs. John Maddock; R. V. Wyman is a farmer of Modesto; Fay M. Wyman was killed in service in France during the World war, at the early age of twenty-six, on October 26, 1918. He had enlisted in the regular army, and was a member of the Fourth Division of the Fifty-ninth Regiment. Ruth is now Mrs. Harry Mitchell. There are four grandchildren.

Mr. Wyman is a republican, and an Odd Fellow, having passed through all the chairs of that fraternal organization, and been a member of the Grand Lodge since 1884. He has been secretary for twenty-five years of the Modern Woodmen of America, and has passed through all of the chairs of the Knights of Pythias. He was captain of his military company for three years, and was retired with the rank of major. He is also musically gifted, and for eighteen years sang in the Congregational church choir of Soquel.

EDWARD C. BRONSON.

For more than forty years Edward C. Bronson has been a resident of the valley in which he is now living, in the vicinity of Watsonville, Santa Cruz county, and he thus has come to be one of the best known citizens of that section. He came to the valley as a young man and began his labors there on the old Gagnon tract, which he helped to develop and a part of which he long has owned, making his home there, and has on that place one of the best orchards thereabout. Edward C. Bronson was born in Lorain, Ohio, January 19, 1854, and was but a lad when his parents moved from the Buckeye state into Michigan and settled in Jackson county in this latter state, where the family home was established. His parents, Seba and Eliza (Smith) Bronson, both were natives of the east, the former born in Waterbury, Connecticut, and the latter in New York state.

Reared on a farm in Jackson county, Michigan, Edward C. Bronson received his education in the local schools of that county and remained there until he was seventeen years of age when, in 1871, he started out to make his fortune in the alluring west. He worked as a farm hand in Illinois and Kansas and then went on into Colorado, where he was for some time engaged in working in the mines in Leadville. He also worked for a time in Denver and then came to California and took employment on the Gagnon ranch in the vicinity of Watsonville. After his marriage some years later he established his home on that place and has ever since resided there, having long ago bought a part of his holdings there and after the death of Mr. Gagnon having inherited a part. The late Michael Gagnon came into California as a sailor in 1849, the year of the great gold excitement. In common with many sailors of that period, stimulated by the hope of sudden wealth in the gold fields, he deserted his ship in the port of San Francisco and started out to make his fortune on land. Leaving the mines after awhile he took up a tract of land in the Watsonville section in Santa Cruz county, buying it for a few dollars an acre, and started in there to develop a ranch. It was on this ranch that Mr. Bronson got his start. When he established his home there in 1893 following his marriage in 1886, Mr. Gagnon made his home with him and there spent his last days.

It was on December 8, 1886, that Mr. Bronson was united in marriage to Miss

Katherine Ross, who was born in this state, daughter of Johnathan Ross, one of the pioneers of California. Mr. Bronson and his wife have a very pleasant home on their well kept orchard place. They have seven children, namely: Alla, wife of James McCarthy of Castroville, in Monterey county; Ruth, who is at home with her parents; Lena, wife of Frederick Lundberg of San Francisco; Carl, who is at home, an able assistant in the operations of the orchard plant; Glen, who now is making his home in Salinas; Seba, in high school, and Katherine, who is also in high school. The Bronson orchard consists of fifty acres of full bearing trees and the operations there are carried on in strictly up-to-date fashion, the products of this orchard finding a good market. Mr. Bronson has interests other than horticultural, and is a stockholder of the Pajaro Valley Bank.

E. C. MOTHERSHEAD.

E. C. Mothershead, a ranchman in Blanco, is a native of the Lone Star state, born near Fort Worth, Texas, October 1, 1889. His parents, Thomas and Mary (Francis) Mothershead, both died while he was in his childhood and he went to live with his grandfather, Eli Angel, a Confederate veteran of the Civil war and owner of a large ranch near Fort Worth. There E. C. Mothershead grew to manhood, attending the common schools until he was qualified to enter college, when he studied first in Simmons College at Abilene, Texas, and later at the Polytechnic College of Fort Worth. In 1908 he made a trip from Texas to Oregon and returned, stopping at various places en route. Remembering the beauty of the Salinas valley, he returned there in 1912 to make it his home. For some time he was in the employ of the Farmers' Mercantile Company and later with the Ford & Sanborn Company before going on the ranch where he now lives in Blanco. This ranch contains one hundred and fifty acres, upon which he raises sugar beets and carries on a general farming business. Ten years after he came to California Mr. Mothershead was called upon to mourn the death of the grandmother who had reared him, and whose death occurred in 1922 at the age of eigthy-six years. Mr. Mothershead has one brother, Fynes, who is a druggist in Texas.

On August 3, 1915, Mr. Mothershead was married to Miss Bertha Bardin, daughter of Charles Bardin. Mr. and Mrs. Mothershead have a daughter, Dorothy. The one hundred and fifty-acre ranch where they live was formerly the homestead of Mrs. Mothershead's father, who presented it to her.

BOB JONES.

Bob Jones is the genial, hospitable proprietor of Hotel St. George, Santa Cruz, which is the popular all-the-year-round hotel of the famous beach city of central California. He was born June 4, 1876, in western New York and is the son of C. L. and Jennie (Van Valkenburg) Jones. Mr. Jones is in every sense an American, coming from old Revolutionary stock, his mother's ancestors having located in the city of New York when it was known as New Amsterdam, while his father's forbears settled in New Orleans and other southern points as early as 1702. His grandfather came to California in 1846, arriving in San Francisco in 1848, but several years later he returned to his family in the east, leaving a younger brother on the coast, who two years later was killed in an encounter with a grizzly bear.

On account of the death of his father, when he was but four years of age, Bob Jones did not have the early opportunities for an education at school and from books but had to learn what he could by buffeting with the world and in the hard school of experience. He started at a very early age to earn his living as a newsboy on the streets of Chicago and later worked his way up the rounds in newspaperdom, at the same time working nights as hotel porter and clerk. Mr. Jones came to the Pacific coast in 1904 and has been prominently identified with the hotel

fraternity of California ever since, operating hotels in Los Angeles, Mendocino county, Lake Tahoe, and now at Santa Cruz.

When twenty-one years of age Mr. Jones was married and is the proud father of Mildred Jones, now Mrs. Earle Brown of San Francisco, and James H. Jones, who is associated with him in the management of Hotel St. George. Mr. Jones was married in 1914 to Miss Elaine B. Colling, a native daughter. They are lovers of the great out of doors. They reside at their beautiful country home, "Pogonip Lodge," overlooking the golf links, and it is famous as one of the most beautiful homes on the Pacific coast. They also have one of the finest ranches in Santa Cruz county, comprising two hundred and fifty acres, known as the Hotel St. George ranch. This ranch is the home of the now nationally famous St. George herd of Duroc-Jersey swine.

Mr. Jones is president of the Santa Cruz Rotary Club and is also serving his fifth year as president of the Santa Cruz Golf and Country Club.

ANGELO BERTOLUCCI.

Angelo Bertolucci was born at Lucca, Italy, June 10, 1879, the son of Stellante and Maria Bertolucci. The father is still living under the sunny skies of Italy, but the mother died in 1924.

Angelo Bertolucci attended the excellent public schools of his home district and grew to manhood there. He was a student at the Lucca Seminary and later at Gregoriana University at Rome. At the age of thirty-one years he crossed the ocean to America and was fortunate in not losing valuable time in the east but came almost direct to California, locating at Santa Cruz. Here he learned the baker's trade and by 1912 began business for himself, opening a shop at the address where he may be found today, 300 Pacific avenue. He made good from the beginning, and at present he also owns the Plaza Bakery at Santa Cruz and the Capitola bakery at Capitola. His success reflects the highest credit upon himself, for he may be said to have started with nothing but courage, determination to reach his goal, his habits of industry and thrift, and his willingness to work. Now he is an honored member of the Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce.

In 1923 Mr. Bertolucci married Miss Mary Giomi, also a native of Italy and she shares with her husband his pleasure in motoring and in camping, both being fond of the surrounding mountains. Mrs. Bertolucci also participates in the social life of the Foresters of America and the Eagles, to which two well known fraternal orders Mr. Bertolucci belongs. They are members of the Catholic church and he is a republican in politics.

JAMES H. INGRAM.

James H. Ingram, of Monterey, a busy contracting plumber whose many contracts indicate that he thoroughly understands his field of work, is a native of San Francisco, and all his life has been in close touch with Californians and their Golden state. He was born on February 13, 1865.

James H. Ingram attended the public schools of San Francisco and while a boy he was apprenticed to the plumber's trade, entering the service of a large firm of that city. Then for several years he worked as a journeyman plumber and after that he engaged in business for himself, being established for nine years in San Francisco. In 1902 he came to Monterey and opened the business that for some time became more and more popular. During the next four years he did most of the important work in his line, including the Monterey Hotel, the Ordway building, the Old First National Bank building, the Prebel building and the Monterey Opera House. Then came the slump, when there was very little work in Monterey, and he again went to work as a journeyman, for three years being in the employ of a Mr. Booth. In

1912 he once more established business for himself and now he has again arrived at the point where his services are in constant demand.

As a good citizen,—preferring republican platforms and standards,—Mr. Ingram is never tired of working for the increase and protection of trade generally, being reasonably interested in the prosperity of other folks as well as himself. Not long ago a local newspaper interviewed him as to industrial conditions and said: "Jim Ingram, pioneer plumber, has no complaints to make about the volume of business, except the fact that he cannot be at a score of different places at once. Among the larger business buildings for which Ingram contracted the plumbing and which have just recently been completed or are under course of completion are the new First National Bank, the Furlong Building, now occupied by the Palace Grill, the Enterprise Soda Works, Sketchley's Market, and the Dana Building in New Monterey. Ingram's men are now working in the new Prince house and the home for Joe Alves on Franklin Street, on four houses being constructed by Fred McCrary, on seven houses contracted by Percy Parkes of Carmel, on the Hollister House at Carmel Highlands, for which Lang is contractor, and on another Highlands home being built by Trenner. He is also working on two houses being built by Miller of Carmel, also on the new home for C. A. Metz in Monterey, and on the new post office. Ingram said there were several more, but he couldn't remember the names off-hand. All of the work under way, just referred to, represents plumbing installed in new homes or in new business buildings."

Mr. Ingram was married to Miss N. A. Broocks, a native of Petaluma, California, and a daughter of L. E. and E. F. Broocks, both of Virginia. Two children have come to bless their home, although they, in turn, have since then established homes of their own. Sadie Agnes has become Mrs. A. H. Clickard and Inez L. is now Mrs. C. F. Hartkles. Mr. Ingram is a member of the Eagles, and we need not add, one of the most popular in that excellent order.

GEORGE STRAZICICH.

A native of Dalmatia, George Strazicich has had an adventurous career, visiting many parts of the world and thus broadening his outlook upon life. A spirit of self-reliance, a hopeful disposition, intelligence and ambition were his youthful patrimony and with these he has worked and won. He is one of the pioneer hotel men of Watsonville and the owner of much valuable property in the city, which numbers him among its builders and promoters.

George Strazicich was born in Austria, January 8, 1861, and his home was in a seaport whose climatic conditions were similar to those of Watsonville, the principal products of the farms in the vicinity being figs, olives, grapes and other varieties of fruit. After finishing his studies he followed the life of a sailor, going to Russian ports on the Black sea and to many other European countries. In 1876, when a boy of fourteen, he landed in New York harbor but returned to his native country in order to see his mother, arriving there at the time of the war with Turkey. He served on the battleship Albrect, also with the land forces, and received from the Austrian government a medal of honor, which he prizes very highly, as it was bestowed by the emperor, Franz Joseph.

On April 1, 1886, Mr. Strazicich arrived in the city of Santa Cruz, California, with but a few dollars in his pocket, joining his brother and sister, who had preceded him to this country. He obtained a job as a ditch digger for the Santa Cruz Gas Company, afterward working in a lime kiln and later as cook for the crew of seventy-five men employed in the Santa Cruz Tannery. In November, 1886, he came to Watsonville and for six months worked in a restaurant. On the expiration of that period he started in business for himself. Securing a location on Main street, he opened the second restaurant in the town. As soon as he was established in business Mr. Strazicich wrote to his boyhood sweetheart, a college graduate, who was then engaged in teaching, asking her to join him, and they were married here in 1889. She was the first woman to come from Dalmatia to Watsonville and three years later another one of her countrywomen arrived in the city.

Learning that the Southern Pacific Railroad contemplated building a branch line from Watsonville Junction to Santa Cruz, Mr. Strazicich bought two lots, one hundred by one hundred and twenty feet, opposite the site of the new station on Walker street, paying five hundred dollars for the property, on which he erected a building thirty by forty feet in dimensions and two and a half stories in height, naming it the Railroad Exchange Hotel. He operated a bar in connection with the hotel and five years later built an addition fifty feet in depth. At that time the Spreckels interests constructed a sugar factory near Watsonville and Mr. Strazicich boarded the men who worked in the plant, also securing laborers for the factory and the apple orchards. After he had improved the property and made it valuable he bought a lot sixty by one hundred and twenty-five feet on the corner of Walker street and West Lake avenue. Here he erected his present hotel, the Railroad Exchange and this was the first building on Walker street, which at that time was only a cow pasture. He also owns the Spreckels home, which he bought after the Watsonville sugar factory was abandoned and the new plant was erected near Salinas. He has done much to improve his city and for a time was also the proprietor of the Sugar Beet Hotel at Riverside, California.

Mr. Strazicich's first wife died eighteen years after their marriage, leaving four sons: Nicholas, who is living in San Jose; George Jr., who is associated with his father in the hotel business; John, a resident of Colusa county, California; and Emil. To the second union have been born two daughters, Elizabeth and May, aged respectively fourteen and thirteen years. Mr. Strazicich formed the Austrian-American Society of Watsonville, an organization that has been of great benefit to the working man. He brought to this country from Dalmatia three nephews and two nieces, whom he reared and educated, and is noted for his generous, unselfish nature and genial qualities. His prosperity has been honorably won and worthily used, and his friends are legion.

PAUL EMMETT TROTTER.

No better organized, and certainly no better conducted agency for the unrivalled Dodge Brothers' cars can be found anywhere in a city of the same size in California, than that of Paul Emmett Trotter, at 626 Abrego street, Monterey, opened recently after Mr. Trotter had demonstrated his ability elsewhere and acquired a wide and valuable experience in other fields. He was born in Carrollton, Missouri, February 7, 1891, the son of Martin Alexander and Phoebe (Meagher) Trotter, and in 1899 came with his parents to California, arriving at Fillmore on the 8th of December, Five years later, they removed to Monterey, and for a while the father conducted the lumberyard for the G. C. Notley Company. On September 20, 1916, however, he passed to the great beyond, having rounded out a very useful and honorable career. Mrs. Trotter survives her husband.

Paul Trotter attended the California public schools, and as a member of the class of '09, was duly graduated, with honors, from the Monterey high school. Having finished his studies he first worked for his brother, who was engaged in the tanbark and road building business, and later he served an apprenticeship at the harnessmaker's trade. In 1912 Mr. Trotter was attracted to the automobile field, first working as night man in a garage, at eight dollars per week. For seven and a half years he was at Winston's, after which he went to Seattle with the Cadillac Motor Company, acting as foreman for a year, and at the completion of that period he came back to Monterey, and was manager for the Winston garage for another year. On January 8, 1924, Mr. Trotter, now recognized as one of the wide-awake motor men in Monterey county, was appointed agent for the Dodge Brothers, and on April 15, he opened his modern and well-appointed building, one of the creditable structures in the city. He also has the agency for the Graham Brothers' trucks. With A. E. Gould, Mr. Trotter bought a service station from C. H. Culp but Mr. Gould having died eight months afterward, he acquired his interest by purchase and operated the station for a year, when he sold it to George Langford. Now, in the fine building especially erected for him, he employes seven men to assist him in caring for his many patrons.

In 1915, Mr. Trotter married Miss Frances Lee, the daughter of Tom Lee, the famous gardener at Del Monte since 1888, and they have one child, Paul E. Trotter, Jr. In politics, Mr. Trotter is a republican; and when fishing in political pools is dull, he likes to hie off to the mountains and streams of California for a sport in which he is always at home. The nature of his interests in matters of public concern is indicated in the fact that he is a member of the Monterey Chamber of Commerce, and he belongs to the Rotary Club.

ANDREW STRAZICICH.

Unqualified commendation is deserved by the man who through his own honest efforts overcomes all impediments and presses steadily onward to the goal of prosperity. Such a one is Andrew Strazicich, a prominent member of the Dalmatian colony of Watsonville and one of the city's substantial business men. He was born in Austria in 1872 and was reared on a farm, forming habits of industry and thrift which constitute the basis of success in every vocation in life. Following the example of his two brothers, he came to Watsonville as a young man, arriving in this city in 1891, and like them was handicapped by lack of funds and ignorance of the language and customs of the American people. He spent four days in Watsonville and then went to work for his cousin, who was the proprietor of the Saddle Rock Restaurant on Pacific avenue in Santa Cruz.

On his return to Watsonville Mr. Strazicich formed a partnership with his brother George, who had built the Railroad Exchange Hotel on Walker street. They were associated for nine years in the conduct of one of the pioneer hotels of this district and the subject of this sketch then acquired control of the California Restaurant on Main street, which he operated for four years. He next became owner of the City Grocery, also located on Main street, and now conducts a similar store at the corner of West Lake avenue and Walker street. Since establishing his home in Watsonville, Mr. Strazicich has always been in business for himself and manifests the executive force, the keen sagacity and progressive spirit which characterizes the members of this family. He has firm faith in the future of the city and has made judicious investments in local real estate.

Mr. Strazicich has four children: Lena, who was graduated from the Moreland Notre Dame Academy at Watsonville, after which she completed a commercial course, and is now a member of the clerical force of the Pajaro Valley Mercantile Company; Angela, who also finished her education in the Moreland Notre Dame Academy at Watsonville; and Irene and Lucille, both of whom are high school students.

Mr. Strazicich is identified with the Fraternal Order of Eagles and acts as secretary of the local lodge of the National Croatian Society of America, which maintains its headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It has fifty thousand members and is one of the largest and strongest foreign societies in the United States. Mr. Strazicich organized the Watsonville lodge of this organization, which now has eighty members, and its affairs are in a very prosperous condition. He is a self-made man who has made the most of his opportunities, and a life of industry, integrity and usefulness has earned for him the respect, confidence and goodwill of his fellow citizens.

MARK C. CLARK.

In a list of Soledad's substantial business men and "go-getters," the name of Mark C. Clark, manager of the Soledad Mercantile Company, would rightfully occupy a place near the top. He was born on a farm near Salinas, September 9, 1870, and since arriving at manhood's estate he has been intimately connected with the development of Monterey county. His parents, M. H. and Ellen (Perry)

Clark, both members of old southern families, came from Tennessee to California in 1868 by way of the Isthmus of Panama and settled near Salinas.

After completing his common school education, Mark C. Clark began his business career as clerk in a store. For several years he was in the employ of Sarles & Wideman, then with the Vandehurst, Sanborn Company of Salinas. In 1909 he came to Soledad to assume the managership of the Soledad Mercantile Company. During the sixteen years that he has been in charge of this concern he has built up a trade amounting to two hundred thousand dollars or more annually. In addition to his mercantile interests, Mr. Clark has been prominently identified with other enterprises. While in Gonzales he erected a large two story brick block—one of the best in that city; took an active part in organizing the Gonzales high school and erecting the building for its use; and took the initiative in raising the bonus of five thousand dollars to secure the location of the Alpine Milk Company there, and there was a general expression of regret when he left that place for Soledad. He was influential in bringing about the incorporation of the latter city and in inducing the United Milk Company to locate a plant here, as he is largely interested in dairying. Recently he purchased a ranch of one thousand acres near Soledad, all of which is under irrigation, or will be in the near future. Here he has his dairy farm and a herd of high bred cattle.

Mr. Clark is an Elk and a member of the Masonic fraternity. While he takes an interest in all subjects affecting the public welfare, he has never been especially active politically. His first wife was Miss Margaret Wideman, of Gonzales, who bore him a son and a daughter. Alfred H., now in charge of his father's ranch, is a graduate in the Science and Letters course of the University of California, specialized in history and was an honor student, which admitted him to membership in the Winged Helmet Society. He also belongs to the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. Clarice, also a graduate of the University of California, is now a teacher in the high school at Bonsville, California. In 1902 his first wife died, and in 1909 Mr. Clark married Miss Leola Wilcox of Healdsburg.

FRED BARSON.

A native Englishman who has made the same record for enviable but unenvied success that has made so many of his fellow countrymen notable, was Fred Barson, one of the most progressive and substantial citizens of Santa Cruz, who passed away March 9, 1919. He was born in England, in 1839, but when only a child he was taken by his parents across the sea and with them settled in Janesville, Wisconsin. There he attended school, and on growing up, he responded to the impulse that has led so many persons to abandon the middle west for the Pacific coast, and came to California. He engaged in mining but after two years of venture in that uncertain field he located in Santa Cruz, arriving here in 1864.

His first work seems to have been with the San Lorenzo Hotel, which was afterwards destroyed by fire, and he then accepted a position with the mercantile firm of Hihm & Field. Somewhat later, he launched his own enterprise, and although he had only a small capital, he opened a general merchandise store in Santa Cruz, in a short time taking in Edward Kingsly as a partner, the firm becoming known as Barson & Kingsly. They enlarged their business by contracting to operate sawmills, producing lumber and establishing one of the principal industries in this section and at the same time their general merchandise business was prospering. Mr. Barson remained in that line until 1870, when he purchased thirty acres of land adjoining Santa Cruz and this property is now the present site of the Riverside Hotel. His original intention was to conduct it as a home place. He commenced with a few boarders but gradually he made additions, as necessity required, until the present magnificent resort was produced.

The Riverside Hotel, although surrounded by thirty acres of lawns and shrubbery, is centrally located and occupies a fine site at a bend of the San Lorenzo river, which, rising in the mountains, flows through Santa Cruz and empties into the Bay of Monterey. The rooms are large and well furnished, with or without bath, and

are heated by steam, have hot and cold water and there is a spacious lobby and writing room and all the appointments of a first class hotel. On the grounds are modern bungalows, for the use of persons and families who desire seclusion, rest and fresh air. The San Lorenzo river surrounds the splendid site on two sides, and salt water tides afford boating and fishing. Since Mr. Barson's death the hotel, still further improved, has been conducted by the children of the deceased.

On September 30, 1866, Mr. Barson was married at Santa Cruz to Miss Mary Ellen Archibald, a native of Truro, Nova Scotia, who died May 7, 1921. They became the parents of eight children, each of whom has reflected creditably upon the family name. They are as follows: Sarah, Alfred, William, Mary, Arthur, Gertrude, Lilla and Robert G., two of whom are married. The good works of the father live after him and he is honored by all who knew him for what he really was.

GEORGE HENRY ROSTRON.

For more than ten years George Henry Rostron, one of the best known citizens of Santa Cruz county, now making his home in the city of Santa Cruz, has been serving the public as a member of the board of county supervisors and is now the chairman of that body. It is not too much to say that during this long period of public service Mr. Rostron has done much to promote the general material interests of his home county and that he thus has come to be regarded as one of its most effective public servants. Particularly valuable have been the services he thus has rendered in a public capacity in the way of bettering roads and bridges, and the improved character of the highways throughout this county during recent years is largely due to his untiring and unceasing efforts in that behalf. He is a member of the board of directors of the Sky Line Boulevard and has long been recognized as one of the most ardent advocates of the good roads movement in this section of the state. Recognition of his services in this important connection was accorded by Governor Richardson in 1924, when Mr. Rostron was named by the governor as a representative from this state to the national convention in behalf of the good roads movement held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in that year, and his participation in the deliberations of that body proved of value in helping to further this vitally important movement. He was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, August 1, 1856, and is a son of Richard and Ellen (Stretch) Rostron, natives of England, who had become residents of Salt Lake City in 1852 and who in 1859 left that place and with their family came to California, settling in Newark, Alameda county. In 1866 the pioneer, Richard Rostron, homesteaded a tract of land in Santa Cruz county and here established his home, thus becoming one of the substantial pioneers.

George Henry Rostron was three years of age when his parents came to California and was ten years of age when they established their home in Santa Cruz county. Here he grew to manhood, finishing his education in the local schools, and here he remained until after he had attained his majority. In 1879 he went to Oakland and in that city began working as a plumber. For five years Mr. Rostron remained in Oakland and then returned to Santa Cruz county, where he bought a ranch in the Happy Valley school district, five miles northeast of the city, and began the culture of apples and grapes, developing there a very fine vineyard and an excellent apple orchard. That was in 1884, and he there made his home until his retirement in 1919 and removal to Santa Cruz, where he now resides, he and his family having a very pleasant home at No. 71 Berkeley way. Mr. Rostron is a republican and has long been looked upon as one of the leaders of that party in this county. In 1914 he was appointed to fill a vacancy on the board of county supervisors and by successive reelections has been retained on that board, his seniority now giving a special value to the service he thus is able to render in the public behalf.

On October 16, 1899, in Santa Cruz, Mr. Rostron was united in marriage to Miss Rose Eichberg of that place and they have two daughters: Marcella Rose and Vivian Estella Rostron, the latter of whom has not yet finished her schooling. Miss Marcella Rose Rostron is now employed in the office of the county recorder. Mrs. Rostron was born in the republic of Switzerland and was five years of age when she came to

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this country with her foster parents, Christian and Anna (Kirchhof) Eichberg, the family locating in Salt Lake City, where they remained for a year, at the end of which time they came to California and became residents of Santa Cruz. When she was fifteen years of age Mrs. Rostron returned to her native Switzerland and there put in two years in a finishing school for young women, after which she returned to her home in Santa Cruz and was living here when she and Mr. Rostron were married. She is an active member of the Congregational church. For several years during the time of his residence on the ranch Mr. Rostron served as the superintendent of the Happy Valley Sunday school. He is a Knights Templar (York Rite) Mason, a past worshipful master and a past commander, and is also a past Noble Grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having been affiliated with this latter organization since he was twenty-three years of age and thus one of the veteran Odd Fellows of Santa Cruz county. The Rostrons take an interested and helpful part in the general social and cultural activities of the city and of the community at large.

ROSS NISSEN.

One mile from Salinas, on the Monterey road, is the ranch of Ross Nissen, who was born in Denmark, May 19, 1874. His father, Christian Nissen, was a seafaring man in his early years. In 1854 he made a voyage from New York city to San Francisco, going around Cape Horn and being on the water for one hundred and thirty-six days. At San Francisco he left the ship and became a gold miner. After nine years he returned to his native Denmark, where he died in 1909. His favorable descriptions of California made such an impression upon his son, Ross, that the latter decided to seek his fortune on the Pacific coast. At the age of eighteen years he came to California and since then has lived in the Salinas valley.

The first employment of Ross Nissen in California was as a teamster for the Spreckels Sugar Company. After following that occupation for several years, he decided to go into business for himself and rented a farm where the city of Spreckels now stands. There he made and saved enough money in a few years to justify him in purchasing the ranch where he now lives. Compared with some ranches this is a small place—one hundred and thirty-five acres—but it is well kept and has good buildings, most of which have been erected by him since he became the owner. In a measure he practices intensive farming, raising sugar beets, lettuce, garlic and other vegetables, which find a ready market in Salinas and Monterey. In 1924 Mr. Nissen visited his native land, being absent about three and a half months. His only fraternal relations are as a member of the Elks lodge of Salinas and also of the Danea No. 6.

In 1900 Mr. Nissen was married to Miss Hannah Iverson, daughter of John Iverson, of Chualar, California. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Nissen: Elsine, John, Louise, Helen, Laurine and Ross, Jr. Elsine is now the wife of Edward Carlson, and Helen is the wife of Leslie Hitchcock, of King City. Mr. Nissen has membership in the Danish Lutheran church.

JOHN TAUFNER.

Monterey boasts one of the earliest of brick houses on the Pacific Coast. Since it was built many beautiful brick residences have been erected, some of these being the work of John Taufner, an enterprising and successful brick and cement contractor of that city. John Taufner was born in the state of Wisconsin, on May 20, 1879, and there grew up in the comfortable home of his parents, John and Mary Taufner. He attended the Wisconsin public schools and after that learned the bricklayer's trade, at which he worked for several years.

The middle west however ceased to attract him and he migrated to Oregon, where he pitched his tent for a while at Portland. There he had charge of the construction of many large buildings, including the fine and imposing Customs House in that

progressive northern city. He also superintended the building of the post office in San Francisco, and after the earthquake he did much work for the firm of Gladding McBean & Company, in the reconstruction of the stricken city.

In 1907 Mr. Taufner removed Southward and this time chose Monterey and vicinity as his field of operations, establishing himself in business here as a general building contractor. Among the many structures worthy of special note for which he has done the cement and brick work may be mentioned the Monterey high school, the Holman building, the Underwood apartments, the First National Bank, and the Pacific Grove Library building, all of which stand as monuments to his experience and skill and it is safe to say that no finer brick-work of its kind may be inspected anywhere.

Mr. Taufner was married to Miss Mamie Clark. They have an attractive home, with one daughter, Mabel, adding interest thereto. Naturally, Mr. Taufner belongs to the Monterey Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Woodmen of the World, the Moose and the Yeoman and as a republican he is active in civic affairs.

PETER N. ZAR.

To none of its adopted citizens does Watsonville owe a greater debt of gratitude than to the natives of Dalmatia, who have brought to the upbuilding of its commercial interests the physical and mental vigor characteristic of their race. Of this type is Peter N. Zar, who has depended upon his own recources from an early age, hewing his way through a forest of difficulties, and he is now numbered among the successful young business men of Watsonville. He was born in Austria. June 7, 1900, and was reared on a farm, on which were produced olives, grapes and other varieties of fruit, while a portion of the land was devoted to the growing of grain and vegetables.

In 1914, when a boy of fourteen, Mr. Zar severed home ties and sailed for America, making the voyage in the last steamer to cross the Atlantic before the ocean was closed to travel owing to the exigencies of the World war. He reached Watsonville on August 10, 1914, with a cash capital of eleven dollars, and his knowledge of the English language was limited to a few words. Realizing the value of a good education, he at once enrolled as a student in the public schools and is now thoroughly conversant with the language of his adopted country. After school hours and during vacation periods he worked for his uncles, who were large packers and shippers of fruit. He saved as much as possible from his earnings, and when he had accumulated the sum of four hundred dollars purchased an interest in the business, in which he was admitted to a partnership. In January, 1924, he withdrew from the packing industry and embarked in the grocery business, buying the interest of the senior member of the firm of Borsovic & Tovaraz. The business is located at No. 22 Peck street and is now operated under the style of Zar & Tovaraz. They carry a fine stock of groceries, and their enterprising methods and high standard of commercial ethics have resulted in the rapid growth of their trade.

Mr. Zar reserves all of his energy for the conduct of the business, which occupies the first place in his life, and the Austrian-American Society is the only organization with which he is connected. However, he never neglects the duties of citizenship and loyally supports every measure destined to prove of benefit to his community. Earnest of purpose, capable and energetic, he has accomplished much for one of his years and possesses many commendable traits of character, as his fellow citizens attest.

EDWIN J. FOLETTA.

For centuries the Swiss people have been noted for their dairy products, and Swiss cheese is regarded as a luxury the world over. In 1878 John Foletta left his native Switzerland and came to California. Before emigrating he had been married to Miss Savina Dotta, who came with him to aid in building up the new home in Amer-

ica. They first settled in Santa Cruz county, where John worked on ranches, saving his money until an opportunity presented itself for him to go into the dairy business on his own account. In 1902 he rented a large farm near Gonzales and in a few years became one of the largest milk producers in that locality. In 1898 he purchased two hundred acres of the Gonzales estate and built it up by dairying, keeping a herd of two hundred or more cows. Sixteen years later (1914) he bought two hundred acres near Coburn, where he erected a barn sixty-four by two hundred and fourteen feet, one of the largest in the county, and put the greater part of the land under irrigation. The next year he sold his property in Gonzales.

Edwin J. Foletta, a son of this pioneer dairyman, attended the common schools in his boyhood and assisted his father about the dairy. In this way he learned the business thoroughly and after the Coburn dairy was established he became associated with his father in its management. When the latter retired he turned the property over to his son, who now has full control. He milks one hundred and ten cows and takes pains to keep his dairy up to the highest standards, both as to quality of milk and sanitary conditions.

In 1921 Mr. Foletta was united in marriage to Miss Florence Philipini, and they have a daughter, named Elinor. As a dairyman, Mr. Foletta is regarded as one of the best in the county, and as a citizen he always tries to discharge his duties to the commonwealth. He belongs to the Foresters of America and the Woodmen of the World.

JOSEPH F. ENOS.

Among the numerous Azorians of Portuguese stock who have done so much toward the development of the great fruit industry of Monterey and Santa Cruz counties, there are few who have a wider acquaintance than Joseph F. Enos, who has a fine fruit ranch in the Corralitos neighborhood in Santa Cruz county, for he has been a resident of the place on which he is now living for more than forty years and thus has been a witness to and a participant in the amazing development that has taken place thereabout during the past four decades and more. With a natural instinct for getting results in fruit growing, Mr. Enos has done well in his operations and has one of the best orchards in that vicinity. He is proprietor of a place of seventy-five acres, forty-five of which are in fruit-bearing trees of the highest standard. His place is admirably equipped and improved, the modern improvements thereon, including dwelling-house, packing plant, electric light plant, wells and other essentials, representing a large cash outlay.

Joseph F. Enos was born on a small farm in the Azores Islands, June 22, 1851, and grew up with practically no advantages in the way of schooling. His father died when he was but eight years of age and he thus was compelled early to "shift for himself". He remained on his native island until he was twenty years of age, when he came to America. That was in 1871. For some time he prospected about in the east and then in 1876 came to California and was for two years thereafter employed in the mines and in the charcoal kilns in Inyo county. He then went to Kern county, where he was married in 1881. He afterward for awhile made his home in Los Angeles county, farming, and from there went to Hollister in San Benito county. In 1883 he came to Santa Cruz county and bought the place on which he is now living, in the immediate vicinity of Corralitos, just north of Watsonville, where he ever since has made his home and has long been one of the well established citizens of that community. When Mr. Enos took over that place forty years and more ago it was a wilderness of brush and forest growth and the task of clearing and developing that confronted him was no small one, but he buckled down to it and in time made a fine ranch out of the place, ever giving his chief attention to fruit growing, and in time developed there one of the most thrifty orchards in the neighborhood.

It was in December, 1881, in Bakersfield, Kern county, this state, that Joseph F. Enos was united in marriage to Miss Maria Jacinto, who also was born in the Azores and who was but a child when she came to America with her parents, the family

settling at Half Moon Bay in San Mateo county, where she grew to womanhood. In 1920, when nearing the fortieth anniversary of their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Enos enjoyed a "second honeymoon" trip east, including stops in Boston, New Bedford, Waterbury, Bristol, New York city and Washington, D. C., and they had a fine time on this prolonged outing. Both are enjoying excellent health and spirits and are looking forward confidently to the celebration of their golden wedding anniversary, an occasion that surely will be made one of much felicitation on the part of their many friends hereabout. Mr. Enos is a member of the Portuguese societies or lodges Ides and Upec and he and his wife are among the most popular members of that circle. To them have been born the following children: Frank, who died at the age of thirty-three years; Mary, wife of Will Ryerson of Watsonville; George, who is now making his home in Everett, Washington; Julia, wife of Jack Lawrence of Newman, California; Joseph, who is also living in Newman; Anthony, who is making his home in Angels Camp, Calaveras county; Louise, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Willie, who died at the age of two years, ten months and seventeen days; Willie E., who is now living in Newman; Louis, who died when five years of age; Alfred, who is now a chiropractic physician in Newman; Mabel, wife of Joe Lopes of Watsonville; John, who died in infancy; Agnes, who is at home with her parents; and Louis, who also is at home. The latter and his brothers, Anthony and Willie, rendered service in the armed forces of this country during the time of America's participation in the World war. Anthony Enos was attached to the Three Hundred and Sixty-fourth Infantry Regiment, Ninety-first Division, and was with that command on the battle front in France when the armistice was signed in November, 1918. Louis Enos rendered technical service during the war in the X-ray department of a military Base Hospital in Georgia, and Willie Enos served in the navy, on guard duty at the navy yard at San Francisco.

ELMER A. DUNHAM.

For thirty years connected with the operations of the great Sperry Flour Company of San Francisco, more than twenty years of that period having been spent in the service of this company in Salinas, rising there to the position of branch manager, and now occupying a similar position in connection with the company's operations in San Jose, there are few men in the grain trade in this section of California who are more widely known than Elmer A. Dunham, who has long been recognized as an expert in the local grain and flour trade and thoroughly conversant with the manifold details that enter into the successful development of that great industry. He is a native son of California and has been a resident of this state all his life, associated with the grain trade since the days of his boyhood. He was born on a pioneer farm in the San Juan Canon neighborhood, in San Benito county, February 22, 1878, and is a son of James A. and Lena Ashley (Smith) Dunham, both natives of the state of Maine, the latter of whom is still living. James A. Dunham was reared on a Maine farm and upon taking up his residence in California, he followed that pursuit in this state, presently becoming the owner of a good farm in the San Juan Canon neighborhood, in San Benito county, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there in 1890, his widow and three sons surviving. The sons are: Elmer A., and two elder brothers, James R. and Ralph Waldo. James A. Dunham was a member of the Masonic lodge in San Juan and at his passing left a good memory in the community of which he was a useful pioneer.

Elmer A. Dunham was but twelve years of age when his father died in 1890 and he thus early was compelled to assume rather more mature responsibilities in the way of assuring a livelihood than usually fall upon the shoulders of youth. As a ranch hand and in such other capacities as could be exercised in a gainful way by a boy, he continued working thus desultorily until he was seventeen years of age when, in 1895, he became employed in the operations of the local plant of the Sperry Flour Company, then operating the Victor Mill in Hollister, county seat of his home county. For seven years he remained thus employed and then in 1902 he was transferred to the Sperry plant in Salinas, in the neighboring county of Monterey. For

years he rendered service for this company as foreman of the mill in Salinas and then in 1913 was made manager of the company's establishment at that place and continued thus engaged until 1925, when he was transferred to the company's plant in San Jose and made manager of the large operations of the Sperrys there, which responsible position he is now filling, one of the best known and most experienced grain men in this section of California.

Mr. Dunham was united in marriage to Miss Marie Elizabeth Mantes, of Monterey county, and they have three daughters: Eunice, Lois Belle and Lena Elizabeth Dunham, the latter of whom is still in high school. Miss Eunice Dunham and Miss Lois Belle Dunham both were graduated from the Salinas high school and the former (1925) is a student in the Teachers College at San Jose. For some time during his residence in Salinas, Mr. Dunham served as a trustee of the Union high school there, taking much interest in the development of the schools. Mr. Dunham is a Mason and is also a member of the Independence Order of Odd Fellows.

JOHN COSTELLA.

A retired Italian-American gentleman whose fruitful life has well merited for him the esteem of a wide circle of devoted friends, is John Costella, now residing at the Garibaldi Hotel, in Santa Cruz. He was born on the 15th of February, 1846, the son of Michael and Annie Marie Costella, worthy farmer folks, who lived and died in sunny Italy. The boyhood of our subject was spent in his native land, so that he grew up under an environment calculated to develop in him a genialty of temperament and an artistic taste.

Leaving home Mr. Costella spent four years in France and two years in England, during which favoring periods he became quite a conversational linguist. At the age of twenty-six years he came to the United States, and in a short time after his arrival, he reached San Francisco, where he remained for six months and then he moved southward to Santa Cruz. At Soquel he was offered work in a sawmill and remained there for thirteen years. He then started a hotel on Front street, which was burned down in the fire of 1894, leaving him with a total loss.

Rebuilding the hostelry, he named it the Garibaldi Hotel, his first inn having been called the Garibaldi House and from the beginning the venture succeeded, for he gave most careful attention to every detail and the wants of his patrons, and no guest was allowed to go away dissatisfied if the proprietor could help it. In 1920 Mr. Costella turned the flourishing business over to his sons, and they are today the managers of the place, which includes five acres, with forty acres of adjoining vineyard.

In Italy Mr. Costella married Miss Delphina Raggazzi, and to them were born the following children: John, who attained the age of thirty and died, a true patriot, from sickness contracted while in the United States army during the World war; Louis; Amadeo; Peter; Albino; Norman; and Joseph. There are also seven grandchildren. One of the few really early pioneers of this section, Mr. Costella is now taking it easy near the scene of his former hard labors. He is an honored member of the Odd Fellows, the Druids, and the Italian Benevolent Society, all of which he joined in 1876.

PETER COSTELLA.

Peter Costella, who first saw the light on December 2, 1897, was born in the old Garibaldi Hotel at Santa Cruz and is a son of John and Delphina Costella, natives of Italy. He combines in his nature and his culture so admirably the best traits of Italy with those of the more wide-awake western America that he may be regarded as an eminently interesting example of the Europeans who have brought a definite contribution toward the development of California, although his connection with the old world is through his esteemed parents.

Peter Costella attended the parochial school at Santa Cruz, and when school days were a pleasant memory of the past, he went to work on the home ranch for his father. At that time his brother, John, was manager, but when his country called for aid he enlisted in the American army and made the supreme sacrifice, dying from illness during the World war, so that today his name is inscribed high upon the roll of honor. Peter Costella then assumed charge of the property, stepping into the responsibility John had so well discharged for fifteen years. Now he, too, takes things easier, younger persons assisting to solve the problems of the hour. As a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West, he rejoices in what has been accomplished in the Golden state, and he takes a live interest in certain political issues but holds himself independent of party ties.

On the 3rd of April, 1917, Mr. Costella married Miss Edith Marini, the ceremony taking place at Santa Cruz. The bride is a native of California, and she, too, is the center of a circle of friends. They have one child, a daughter, Dorothy. Mr. Costella is a Druid, and he also belongs to the Italian Benevolent Association and participates in the good work for others done by that well managed organization.

PETER GEORGE GIULIANI.

The Big Tree macaroni enterprise of Peter George Giuliani, with its finely-appointed and most sanitary factory at 15 Eagle street, Santa Cruz, ought never to want for popular favor, especially in this Pacific commonwealth of California, where nature is the pride of the native, and everything huge appeals to the imagination of old settler and newcomer alike. Mr. Giuliani was born in Lucca, Italy, March 7, 1882, the son of Joseph and Oliva Giuliani, and he grew up in a merchant's family, his father, who is still living, having been active in trade. The mother is now deceased, mourned by seven children, two of whom are still in Italy.

The third eldest child in this family is Peter George Giuliani, who made good in the schools of his native district in Italy and for some years worked for his father. At the age of seventeen, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, and soon afterward made his way across the American continent, reaching San Jose, California. There he stayed for a year; and in 1900 he came to Santa Cruz. He worked on neighboring farms for a time and at the end of a year went to Soquel, where he spent eighteen months. Next he was in a sawmill and logging camps for four years. Then, for twelve years, he conducted the Universal Hotel, and it was not until 1917 that he established his present undertaking as a manufacturer of the Big Tree macaroni. Now his products are sold along the coast in response to the increasing demand. Mr. Giuliani is public-spirited and ready to do anything that he can to bring about moral and civic improvements in Santa Cruz. In national politics he is a republican, and believes in protection to and fostering of American business and industry.

Mr. Giuliani married Miss Gugliemina Piffero. He has three children by a former marriage. Fraternally he belongs to the Order of Druids.

JOHN SHERMAN WOOLF.

Among the distinguished representatives of the bar in California is undoubtedly John Sherman Woolf, popular attorney of Monterey, who was born at Randolph, Ohio, on October 17, 1885, the son of Samuel A. and Mary (Ladd) Woolf, both members of old families of the Buckeye state. His great-grandfather was born in Holland and migrated to England, where he married an English girl, and together they came out to the new world to seek their fortune. Mrs. Mary Ladd Woolf, on the other hand, is able to trace her ancestry back to notable New Englanders. Samuel Woolf and his four brothers volunteered on the Union side in the Civil war.

John Sherman Woolf, the subject of this review, came west early enough to graduate from the Pacific Grove high school, after which he went back to Ohio and attended Oberlin College and also Mount Union College. Subsequently he became a

student in the Kent Law School and was admitted to the bar in the state of California, April 14, 1909, since then maintaining offices in Monterey, he has practiced in both the state and the federal courts and has won a large number of important criminal cases. He has come to represent an enviable number of prominent local corporations and he is well versed in all branches of the law. He was the city attorney of Monterey for four years, when a great number of notable municipal improvements were undertaken.

At Randolph, Ohio, October 6, 1909, Mr. Woolf was married to Miss A. Marie Thompson, the daughter of Owen P. and Nellie (Cole) Thompson, an accomplished lady, whose brother, John Thompson, is now associated with Mr. Woolf in legal practice under the firm name of Woolf & Thompson. A republican in matters of national politics, he was a member of the Republican County Central Committee here for about ten years. During the World war he was about to leave for the Officers Training Camp, when he had the real misfortune to suffer a broken hip, from which he has never completely recovered. At college Mr. Woolf belonged to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and he was formerly chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias and dictator of the L. O. O. M. He is also a member of long standing in the Monterey Lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

ANTONIO D'ACQUISTO.

A man thoroughly experienced in the handling and the sale of fish, and who has done much to continue the fame of Monterey as the great fish mart of this part of the Golden state, is Antonio D'Acquisto, the wide-awake, far-seeing and genial manager of the ever-expanding Del Monte Fish Company. He is a native of sunny Italy, and was born on September 13, 1873, the son of Vito and Mary (Cefalco) D'Acquisto, who came to the United States in the year 1905. They made their way west and settled in San Francisco, where Mr. D'Acquisto died. The good mother, who was devoted both to her husband and to her family, is yet living, a joy to her children.

Antonio went to the public schools in Italy and then worked at various occupations until, at the age of twenty-five, he accompanied his folks to the new world. He remained in San Francisco only a few months and then he accepted a position with the Alaska Packers Association in Alaska; remaining with that concern for ten seasons and for seven years serving as foreman. He worked untiringly and it is not too much to say that the hardships he could relate would fill a readable volume. In 1915 he came south to Monterey for the Western California Fish Company, and later, when the name of the company was changed and it became the Del Monte Fish Company, he consented to accept the appointment of manager.

Mr. D'Acquisto was married to Miss Josepha Arioto, and they have five children: Mary, Vito, Margareta, Minzio, and Grace. Mr. D'Acquisto is a live wire in the Monterey Chamber of Commerce, and is also active in republican political movements. One of the most progressive in the local Italian-American colony, he is constantly encouraging his fellow-countrymen to become citizens and to assume and properly discharge their duties in civic life.

JOHN H. CORR.

Left an orphan at an early age, John H. Corr has progressed through the medium of his own efforts, and his life is replete with many thrilling experiences and adventures which have brought him an intimate knowledge of the pioneer epoch in California's history. He has served the public in various capacities, always discharging his duties to the best of his ability, and he is now acting as assistant chief of police of Watsonville.

Mr. Corr was born July 28, 1858, in New York city, and his parents died when he was an infant. He was brought to California in 1861, at the age of three years, and spent his boyhood on the ranch of Charles Silveria, situated near Watsonville. He

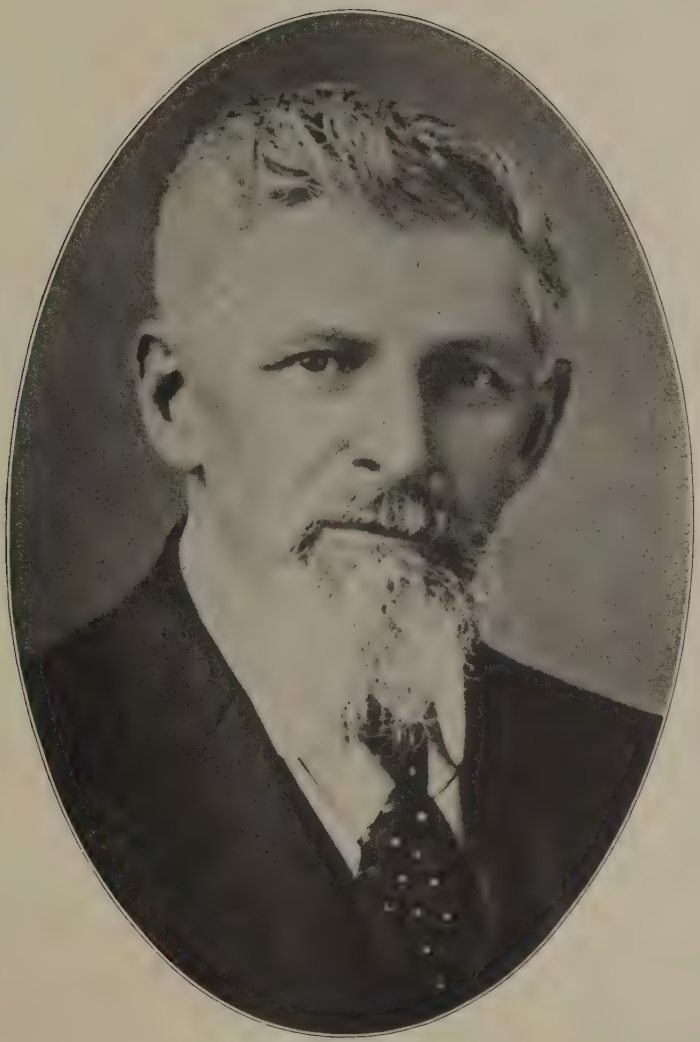
received a limited education and has in his possession a picture of the first school which he attended—a small whitewashed shack. When but eight years of age he became self-supporting, herding hogs for five dollars per month, including his board. When older and stronger Mr. Corr worked on the ranch of W. V. Gaffey, who assigned him the task of milking the cows, and later he learned to make butter. He made the first oleomargarine in the valley and next became a cowboy. He followed that life for twelve years, riding the range in California and also in the state of Nevada. Returning to Santa Cruz county, he worked on the construction of the Watsonville sugar factory and was later employed in the plant. He was elected constable on the democratic ticket, and made a fine record in that office, which he filled for eighteen years. He has been deputy sheriff of Santa Cruz county for a period of twenty years and for many years has been connected with the police department of Watsonville, at one time acting as chief. He is therefore well qualified for the position of assistant chief and his work has received high commendation. A student of human nature and the motives of men, he thoroughly understands the ways of criminals and has been very successful in their apprehension. He has never known the meaning of fear and leaves nothing undone to enforce the law. His name has become a menace to evil-doers and he has had many narrow escapes from death, having a torn coat whose sleeves were shot away by a thug whom he was pursuing in connection with his duties as deputy sheriff. He still has the gun which he shot as a boy of seven, being knocked to the ground by the recoil, and also has a blanket which he used in his youth. His collection of police curios, taken from prisoners, is one of the finest in the state, and from the storehouse of memory he relates many interesting anecdotes of his early experiences as an officer of the law. This valuable collection contains many ancient weapons, such as knives, pistols, brass knuckles, Indian war clubs, black-jacks, and three and four barreled guns. It also includes horse pistols used in the Civil war and a large assortment of handcuffs made in the early days. Mr. Corr has a wide acquaintance and many friends in this section of the state, and his record as a public official and a private citizen is an unblemished one.

JOHN B. MEYENBERG.

"Bring me men to match my mountains,
Bring me men to match my plains.
Men with empires in their purpose,
And new eras in their brains."

In far off Switzerland in the little town of Zug, of Swiss-German parentage, John B. Meyenberg was born on November 13, 1847. In a country proud and content in its dairying wealth and lore, the condensed milk industry was already a success. Another young man devoting his energies to this line was no apparent phenomenon, but in the soul of this particular laborer was a yearning for new eras and a purpose. Toiling in the Swiss condensing plants, principally at Cham, his brain awhirl with the idea of an "unsweetened" preserved milk product, Meyenberg experimented and experimented in evaporation and sterilization of milk, and after three years of earnest endeavor, from 1880 to 1883, perfected his process. A deep thinker, a thorough chemist, with an inventive mind as well, he made possible the preservation of evaporated milk without the aid of sugar, by inventing the revolutionary retort machine. In other words, in place of a sugary, thick milk substance, suitable only for emergencies, he gave to humanity a pure, palatable full cream milk, preserved indefinitely only by heat, applied in the retort machine, which food product is undoubtedly the greatest commodity of the century.

Not so quickly as it is here told, was this great task accomplished. The life road of John B. Meyenberg was marked by mounds of sunshine and long vistas of shade. But his genius, like the sungod, mounted high in the beckoning heavens of duty, well above the valleys of dejection. When his countrymen failing to understand the merits of his achievement refused his process recognition and assistance, he realized that again the old adage held true—"no man is a prophet in his own land." With sad regret, but firm convictions, Mr. Meyenberg and his family bade farewell to to their country, sailing for America. In that same year, 1883, he was granted patents



JOHN B. MEYENBERG

by the United States patent office at Washington, D. C., on his wonderful process, and in the next two years succeeded in organizing a company to work under these patents.

Evaporated milk was first packed in this country on a successful basis by John B. Meyenberg on June 15, 1885, at Highland, Illinois. Thereafter other evaporated milk plants were established under his direction at Monroe, Wisconsin, where "Monroe" brand was packed, and at Elgin, Illinois, where "Columbia" brand was put on the market. "Columbia" brand received first prize at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. Then, to the ultimate west! At Buena Park, California, "Lilly" brand was packed with such excellent results, that Mr. Meyenberg went north to Washington, where he introduced "Carnation" brand to the markets of the world.

In 1904 Mr. Meyenberg decided he would originate but one more brand of evaporated milk and name it for his beloved Swiss mountains. In San Benito county, and the fertile Salinas valley he established plants, packing "Alpine" milk for an unlimited trade, and thereafter he retired from active business.

And what manner of man in private life was this genius? He had married Josephine Bossard at Zug, Switzerland, in the year 1878, and had three sons born to them: John Philip, at Cham, Switzerland, April 4, 1879, now president of the Meyenberg Evaporated Milk Company; Walter, at Highland, Illinois, June 15, 1885, now director of the Meyenberg interests in Stanislaus county, and Werner, at Buena Park, California, February 22, 1897, now a physician in San Francisco. "Pop" Meyenberg as he was familiarly called by old and young, was a keen, kindly gentleman, whose ready wit and old fashioned hospitality marked him individual and lovable. After his retirement in 1911 he made his home in San Jose, where Mrs. Meyenberg passed away March 26, 1914, and six months later, October 29, he followed her to the grave. From the humblest to the highest of his associates, socially and in his working world, his passing was sincerely mourned.

The elder sons have spontaneously chosen their father's profession. John Philip received his education in this line directly under his tutelage, first at Buena Park, later at the Carnation plants in Washington, where he personally organized the Kent unit, and with the International Milk Company of Chehalis, where "Primrose" brand was packed. In conjunction with his father he built the Hollister plant and cooperated with him in the direction of the Gonzales and Coburn plants. John Philip Meyenberg is directly in supervision of the Meyenberg Evaporated Milk Company and when their distinctly modern plant at Salinas was completed in 1922, in some effort to place a tardy wreath of fame to his father's memory, he conceived the idea of calling the output of this establishment, "Meyenberg Milk" generally called "M. M." brand. A still newer plant, packing Meyenberg Milk has recently been erected at Ripon, in Stanislaus county, operating under the management of Walter Meyenberg.

Quoting from the San Francisco Call and Post, in their issue of May 29, 1923, on "Famous Americans" we have the following: "Modern life largely depends upon our ability to utilize food produced thousands of miles from the most congested cities, and Meyenberg made that possible with milk, on which account, whether you favor one brand or another, you are still profiting from the successful experiments of John B. Meyenberg", without whose name the history of the Salinas valley cannot be written. And so it must appear that the bard's earnest prayer had drawn from the world of the old to Alta California a master mind to match the wonder of our natural grandeurs, as the empire of an essential industry bears ample testimony to the purpose of John B. Meyenberg.

HERBERT HERON.

Among those through whom Carmel-by-the-Sea has attained to importance as an art center is undoubtedly Herbert Heron, poet, playwright, stage director and actor. Born in New Jersey on October 26, 1884, he came to California when he was five years old. Ranch life and public schooling in Los Angeles county were followed by attendance at the Harvard Military School, from which he was graduated in 1901. From there he went to Stanford University, but left college to go on the stage. First a

member of the Belasco Stock Company, he later joined the Crawley-Mestayer Company and finally the Morosco Stock Company. In the last named, one of the best of its kind in America, he obtained most of his early training.

In 1905 Mr. Heron married Miss Opal Piontkowski and temporarily gave up the stage for literature. In 1908 he came with his wife and daughter to Carmel, where he was one of the earliest of its group of writers. After building his home, he decided that Carmel needed an open-air theater. He found the perfect site for it, secured the use of the ground from the Carmel Developmnt Company, named the place the Forest Theater, organized the Forest Theater Society and formed a company of players for the inaugural production.

As the founder of this now famous theater and as its most indefatigable worker, Mr. Heron has for fifteen years exerted a strong influence in the development of the drama in this locality. He has staged there "The Land of Heart's Desire," "A Midsummer-Night's Dream," "The First Poet," "Tusitala," "Arms and the Man," "Snow White," "The Tents of the Arabs," "The Golden Doom," "The Countess Cathleen," and others. In the interior theaters of Carmel he has made productions of the comedy of "King Henry the Fourth," "The Dark Lady," "Twelfth Night," "High Justice," "The Man Who Married a Dumb Wife" and others.

As an actor, Mr. Heron created the leading roles in Constance Skinners "David," Mary Austin's "Fire," his own "Montezuma," Jack London's "First Poet," etc. He has also played Mercutio, Falstaff, the Fool in "Twelfth Night," Bluntschli, Macaire, Lafayette, Francois Villon, Archie Weir in "Tusitala," Yin Suey Gong in "The Yellow Jacket," Pygmalion, the King in "The Tents of the Arabs" and a score of others. He has also acted several important parts in the Bohemian Grove productions.

He is the author of the following plays: "Teddy," produced in Los Angeles, 1904; "Handle With Care," 1905; "Pharaoh," 1906; "Gold" (with Jack London), 1909; "The Lady of Gray Gables" (with Constance Skinner), produced in Indianapolis, 1911; "Montezuma," produced in Carmel, 1914; "Immortal Fame," produced in Carmel, 1915; "The Spy," produced in Carmel, 1915; "Tusitala" (with J. N. Hilliard), produced in Carmel, 1916. He is also the author of a large number of poems which have appeared in leading magazines of this country and England.

In 1916 Mr. Heron left Carmel with his wife and children, going to Los Angeles at the request of Aline Barnsdall to be director of the Little Theater there, in association with Richard Ordynski, Irving Pichel and Norman-Bel Geddes. After his return to Carmel he and his wife separated, and were later divorced.

In 1919 Mr. Heron established the first of Carmels delightful shops devoted to things of beauty as distinct from things solely for use. His place is called The Seven Arts. Here may be found paintings, etchings, pottery, metal work, art materials, antiques, rare books and autographs, a fine collection of plays and the best general stock of books in California outside the large cities. Recently a high-grade printing department was added, and from this came the first book printed in Carmel, the first published in Monterey county. In 1923 Mr. Heron took into partnership Miss Helena Conger, whom he married a year later and who now shares with him the various work he is engaged in. His son and daughter are also associated with him in The Seven Arts.

LUKE SCURICH.

The old world has given to the new many upright, honorable men who have brought with them habits of industry and thrift which constitute the basis of good citizenship. In this classification belongs Luke Scurich, a Dalmatian, who has fought life's battles unaided, and his example is one well worthy of emulation, showing that in the individual and not in his environment is found the opportunity for advancement. He has experienced the hardships of pioneer life in California and for many years was numbered among the foremost fruit growers and packers of the Pajaro valley. He has reached the age of sixty years and is now enjoying a well deserved period of leisure, making his home in Watsonville.

Mr. Scurich was born September 17, 1864, and received his education in the schools of his native land. In 1883 he responded to the call of adventure and crossed the

Atlantic, but did not remain in the eastern section of the United States, making the long journey across the continent to the Pacific coast. He entered the employ of the Southern Pacific Railroad, working first as a section hand in Redding, California, but in 1888, he came to Watsonville. He embarked in the fruit packing and shipping business, forming a partnership with Nick Banaz and theirs was one of the first firms of the kind in the valley. Mr. Scurich had spent his youth in a country which abounded in fruit and was well acquainted with many phases of horticultural pursuits. Subsequently he was joined by his brother, Stephen Scurich, who had come to the Golden state when sixteen years of age, and they became the owners of a ranch of one hundred acres in Green valley, on which they planted an apple orchard. By scientific methods and concentrated effort they brought the farm to a high state of development and afterward sold the place, making a large profit on the investment. The subject of this sketch then retired from agricultural pursuits and purchased business and residential property in Watsonville and also acquired ranch land, from which he receives a good income.

During the thirty-six years of his residence in Watsonville Mr. Scurich has witnessed the pageant of progress, in which he has borne his part, and he rejoices in what has been accomplished. He remembers the time when he could have bought all of the land on the street on which he lives for the price his present home would bring today on the market. When he came here there were apple orchards on Main street, in what is now the business section of the city. The welfare and advancement of his community is a matter in which he takes much personal pride and his worth as a citizen is uniformly conceded. In 1898 he organized the Austrian-American Benevolent Society of the Pajaro valley, which has become a strong and prosperous organization, having the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars in its treasury. His political support is given to the republican party.

At San Francisco, California, in 1893, Mr. Scurich married Miss Mary Ulahutin, also a native of Dalmatia. Antone L. Scurich, the only child of this union, was born in Watsonville, December 18, 1898, and attended the public schools of this city, afterward completing a course in the Heald Business College at Santa Cruz. He was employed for some time by fruit packing and shipping houses and in January, 1924, formed a partnership with Charles Sambralio, who became the junior member of the firm. They are engaged in the real estate, insurance, produce and general brokerage business and are prospering in their undertakings. Antone L. Scurich has inherited his father's business acumen and ability and is treasurer of the Austrian-American Benevolent Society. He is affiliated with the Catholic church and holds membership relations with the Knights of Columbus. He married Miss Pauline Pierovich, who was born in the province of Dalmatia, Austria.

WILLIAM TWEED LEE.

The "art preservative" is nowhere better demonstrated in Monterey county than in the William T. Lee printery, in Monterey, owned and conducted by William Tweed Lee, of 460 Alvarado street. He is a native of Michigan, born at Sandusky, April 10, 1887, the son of George N. and Hannetta (Lannin) Lee, the former of New York and representative of an old American family, while the latter came of English-Scotch ancestry. Both have gone to join the great majority, but they have left an enviable record of which their descendants may well be proud.

William Tweed Lee finished the public school course and then was afforded the opportunity to continue his studies in an excellent business college, after which he was apprenticed to the printer's trade. He first worked at Port Huron, Michigan and then he went to the city of Detroit. Wishing to see something of the country, however, he followed his trade in various places, in time arriving at Denver, and in 1906 he was in San Francisco. Two years later he had come to Monterey and with Mr. Weybret he established the Weybret-Lee Company with two plants, one at Monterey and one at Salinas. Afterwards they decided to dissolve partnership and Mr. Lee took over the Monterey printing establishment, he making his venture a success from the first.

He has really prospered so well that he has become financially interested in the two leading local hotels and is also interested in a first-class hotel in San Francisco.

Mr. Lee married Miss Henrietta Deserpa, of Salinas, a native daughter and an accomplished lady, the ceremony taking place at Salinas, June 1, 1910, and they are blessed with two children: Annetta and Warner. When tired of life, the bustling and wearying world, Mr. Lee likes to hie himself off to the cool pools and streams where fishing is good. Fraternally he is an Elk. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, and he is a leading local factor in republican political movements.

W. E. COATS.

W. E. Coats, the affable proprietor of the El Rio Auto Camp, at 21 McKinley street, Santa Cruz, was born in Mendocino county, California, April 20, 1884, the son of W. H. and Alice H. (Morrison) Coats, his father also having been a native son, while his earlier forebears are the Coats, celebrated manufacturers of thread. W. H. Coats who was a farmer, came with his family to Santa Cruz in January, 1901, their object in abandoning the farm being to afford better educational facilities for the children. Here Mr. Coats took up laundrying, and in this important field of industry he continued for twelve years, but is now engaged in the raising of poultry.

The rather thorough grammar and secondary schools in Mendocino county gave our subject his start in education, and his ambition led him to go to both night school and a business college. His first employment after finishing his studies was in clerical work, although he also filled a post in a laundry, and later while working in a real estate office, he mastered shorthand and typewriting. He next held a position in the plant department of the telephone company, for a year and a half, and after that, in 1911, he embarked in the real estate and insurance business for himself, opening an office in Santa Cruz, where he was so well known, and he immediately met with marked success.

In the meantime Mr. Coats conceived the idea of constructing a model auto camp, and to carry out his cherished plan he bought property so well located and so ideal in its nature, that it is almost in the heart of the business district, and unsurpassed by any other, the entrance to the camp looking out upon the business street of Santa Cruz. He bought the property in several parcels and now he has fifteen acres. This is a strictly modern camp, with one hundred gas kitchens, and four comfort stations, and when completed will house at least seven hundred cars. The river runs through the camp—hence the name, "El Rio,"—and this feature, affording swimming and boating is popular with most visitors.

On April 19, 1911, at San Jose, Mr. Coats was married to Miss Lilian Frances Old, of Gilroy, a charming and gifted lady, who died in 1914, leaving two children. William E., Jr., and Leland F. Mr. Coats is devoted to his home; and when he turns aside, say for politics, it is to vote for the best men and the best measures, rather than for those persons and things merely endorsed by a party.

HON. DAVID WALLACE.

Among the police judges in Monterey county, Judge David Wallace of Salinas enjoys an enviable status, giving satisfaction to the community as a whole, and even passing among the unfortunates brought before him as a jurist who knows how to temper justice with common sense mercy. He was born in historic Monterey, August 19, 1858, a son of John and Susie (Chapman) Wallace, the former a native of Scotland, the latter of Ireland. Eight children were born to them and seven of these are still living. John Wallace fought in the Mexican war and in the glorious Argonaut year of '49 he came to Monterey. He was a shoemaker by trade. He acted as road overseer of the Monterey district.

David Wallace attended both the Monterey public school and the grammar school in the Corral De Tierra district. As a young man, he sheared sheep and engaged in

milking the cows of Owen Smith's Dairy. Later he ran a dairy of his own and engaged in stock raising. From 1886 to 1890 he was recorder of Monterey county and proved a capable, trustworthy official. His son, John S. Wallace, holds the same office as his father. In national politics a democrat, he has been chairman of the democratic county central committee and honored as a member of the democratic state central committee. He was deputy assessor of Monterey county under Assessor W. A. Anderson and deputy sheriff under Sheriff R. M. Keef; and since 1907 he has been police judge and justice of the peace, serving with credit to himself and his constituents.

At Monterey in the first wooden house sent from Australia around the Horn, Judge Wallace was married to Miss Rebecca Kraupner, a native daughter of Monterey, and a representative of one of the oldest of pioneer families. Several children have been born to them. John E. is the eldest, then comes Harold E., while the youngest are two daughters, now Mrs. L. W. Sanborn and Mrs. P. R. Joy. In recent years, Judge Wallace has engaged extensively in cattle raising, in Monterey county, introducing progressive methods which lead to success, while at the same time he promptly and faithfully discharges his public duties so that as a business man and citizen his worth is widely acknowledged.

LOUIS RUDOLPH.

Louis Rudolph an alert and enterprising furniture dealer at 801 Lighthouse Avenue, Monterey, was born at Watsonville, California, June 19, 1873, the son of Christian L. and Ellen Marie (Smith) Rudolph. The former came to America from picturesque Denmark in 1864 and about a year later arrived in California, settling in Watsonville, where he carried on farming for the remainder of his life. He laid aside the cares of this world in 1911. Mrs. Rudolph is yet living, esteemed and beloved by many, and enjoying the fruits of her hard work, faithfully performed with her lamented husband, as one of the worthiest pioneers of Santa Cruz county.

Six children made up the family of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph, and with the others Louis Rudolph attended the rural schools after which he helped his father on the farm. At the age of nineteen, however, he left home for the Salinas valley, and near King City spent some time on a farm. Then for a year and a half he worked at the carpenter's trade and this experience led him to become interested in the furniture business. He began clerking and accompanied his employer first to San Jose, and afterward to Monterey. In 1906 he bought his present establishment, save that it then was a far more modest concern, but he has so increased the volume of his trade, that his large, two-story building is scarcely commodious enough for his business. He is ably assisted by his son Raymond who served in the Students Army Training Corps during the World war and thus proved his right to the emoluments of peace.

Mr. Rudolph wedded Miss Mary B. Lyons of Castroville, daughter of the well-known pioneer, Stephen Lyons, the ceremony taking place at King City. Four children have blessed their union. Clarence L. S. J., who is at Spokane, Washington, studying for the priesthood; Raymond with his father in business, and Marie and Grace. Mr. Rudolph is a Knight of Columbus of the fourth degree, and a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West. He also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of the World and the Elks. His political allegiance is given the democratic party where national issues are involved and he at all times holds to the high ideals and principles of the Rotary Club.

DAVID D. DAVIS.

David D. Davis is a distinguished and honored citizen of Pacific Grove, now living retired at 105 Monterey street. A native of Wisconsin, he was born at Delafield, Waukesha county, August 3, 1844, first seeing the light in a rude, if not uncomfortable log cabin, characteristic of those early days. He grew up in a wild, unsettled country, and attended school in a log building, so that when he recalls the past, he can conjure up many pictures in marked contrast to those of today.

In 1862 when Civil war rent the country, he enlisted for a year as a soldier in the Army of the West, joining the Thirty-fourth Wisconsin Infantry, and doing his "bit" to help save the Union. In 1863, having been mustered out, he reenlisted, this time as a member of the Fifty-second Wisconsin Infantry, and rendered valiant service at Nashville, Memphis, Columbus, Kentucky, and in various engagements elsewhere. After the assassination of President Lincoln his regiment guarded the body of the President as it was taken through Chicago for burial at his old home in Springfield, Illinois. He was at Camp Randall, Madison, Wisconsin, for a while and was mustered out at Camp Washburn, Milwaukee.

When the war was over, Mr. Davis retired to his father's farm in Wisconsin, and later bought eighty acres in that state, to which he added until he had two hundred and thirty acres. He raised wheat, oats, corn, rye, buckwheat and vegetables and was always successful in his farming, never having a crop failure. He raised such fine wheat that it weighed from sixty to sixty-two pounds to the bushel at the test, and he came to be a fine judge of soil and crop conditions. In all that section of Wisconsin, long so famous for its agricultural pursuits, few, if any, farmers excelled Mr. Davis in his varied operations. He owned a number of farms in his native state, including the famous Wild Rose farm of one hundred and twenty acres. At length, selling out at a profit, he removed to Waupaca, Wisconsin, where he resided until 1908, when he came to California. For a while he resided in Auburn, Placer county, and little by little readjusted himself to the new ways of the Pacific slope. Buying a small ranch of five acres, he engaged in fruit-raising but sold out in 1916 to remove to Pacific Grove.

In Wisconsin Mr. Davis was married to Miss Ella C. Petersen, a native of Denmark, by whom he has had four children: Mrs. Aileen Christianson, of San Luis Obispo; Mrs. Norman Thompson of Los Angeles; Mrs. Ruth Shearer, of San Francisco, and Irvin, of Sacramento. Mr. Davis is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of Pacific Grove, and a member of the Lucius Fairchild Post, No. 179, G. A. R. In 1921 he attended the Grand Encampment at Columbus, Ohio, and also paid a visit to his old home in Wisconsin. His has been an active and useful life, crowned by a substantial measure of success, and he well merits the high esteem uniformly accorded him.

GEORGE FEAKES.

An industrial enterprise of practical service to Santa Cruz is the well stocked and well managed wood and coal yard of George Feakes, at 23 Cayuga street. Mr. Feakes was born at Springfield, Illinois, June 14, 1877, the son of Frank and Harriet (Wetherbee) Feakes. The father, who was engaged in the transfer and drayage business, is now deceased, after a very active life in which he made an enviable reputation for both intelligent and honest dealings. He left to our subject the priceless heritage of an untarnished name.

The family having removed to Oregon when George Feakes was young, he was sent to the public schools there and while still a youth began work in the lumber woods for the firm of Campbell & Campbell. There he continued until 1914, when he crossed the line into Canada and joined the Canadian army. He became a member of the Duke of Connaught Rifles, destined to make its record in home service, and when this regiment was demobilized on May 4, 1917, he came to California and entered the employ of the Union Lumber Company, at Fort Bragg. He was next in charge of camp 18 for the Redwood Company, for two months; and in October, 1922, he came to Santa Cruz. His first engagement here was with the Santa Cruz Canning Company, with which concern he remained until July, 1923, when he ventured into the wood business for himself. He has two yards, employs four men, and uses three trucks to meet the demands of his rapidly growing patronage. He is interested in every movement in town and county looking to the advancement of Santa Cruz. In politics he is independent. During the Spanish-American war he enlisted at McMinnville, Oregon, in Company A, First Regiment of Oregon Volunteers, and served in the Philippines until the end of the war. He took part in thirty-two engagements and also did scout

duty, being honorably discharged at Portland, Oregon, when his services were no longer needed.

The marriage of Mr. Feakes and Miss May Margaret Atkinson of Iowa took place on May 8, 1923, and was solemnized at San Francisco, and their union has been blessed with one child, George Ed., Jr.

EDWIN F. STEEN.

Edwin F. Steen has never feared that laborious effort which must precede ascendancy in every line of endeavor and that he is a young man of superior ability is indicated in the fact that he has been placed in charge of the West Coast Construction Company, a corporation of state-wide scope and importance, whose office is located in San Francisco. He was born April 4, 1895, in Boise, Idaho, and was six years old when his parents established their home in Berkeley, California. There he attended the grammar and high schools, afterward enrolling as a student in the University of California, from which he was graduated with the class of 1918. At the time of the World war he enlisted in the aviation corps, winning a commission as second lieutenant, and was assigned to duty as instructor in military aeronautics at the College of Cadets of the University of California.

In 1919 Mr. Steen became associated with the West Coast Construction Company, a firm of general contractors, with headquarters in San Francisco. In recent years they have been very active in construction work in the bay cities in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties, as well as in other parts of the state, and their business is one of the largest of the kind on the Pacific coast. They have executed many important contracts, and the firm is noted for the high quality of its work and close conformity to the principles of truth and honesty. Mr. Steen is secretary and treasurer of the company, and his work is essential to its prosperity. He has been very successful in directing the operations of the firm, which includes the construction of the California Theatre, a bank building, a fire house, the Farmers Mercantile Company's building at Salinas and the new post office building, an apartment house, a garage, and the Salinas Valley Hospital in Watsonville. They were the builders of Stephen Hall for the University of California, the Elmhurst plant of the Nelson Packing Company, the McKinley grammar school at Vallejo, the Union high school at Monterey, and the Shandon and Huero bridges, of concrete construction.

On June 12, 1923, Mr. Steen married Miss Mary Frances Porter, a granddaughter of the late John T. Porter, a pioneer banker of the Pajaro valley, and they now have a son, Edwin Frank, Jr. Mr. Steen is deeply interested in everything that touches the welfare and progress of his community and is classed with its most valuable citizens.

JAMES E. FREEMAN.

What the modern methods of undertaking have come to mean to society, desirous as men and women always are for the best that can be obtained, and anxious as people of sentiment ever will be for the most consoling and appropriate provision for the last rites of respect to the dead, may be seen from the operations, in accordance with scientific precepts and the most approved taste, of James E. Freeman, the well known undertaker of Monterey. He was born September 16, 1872, in Placer county, California, on a ranch where his parents, John C. and Catherine (Croke) Freeman then lived. His father was a master machinist, long in the employ of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, having charge of certain responsible departments in the shops. He also had a ranch of several hundred acres near Rocklin, Placer county, and there made his home and reared his family. Hence the children attended the grammar schools of Rocklin; and when the family moved to Berkeley, they availed themselves of the advantages of the higher schools. A brother opened and conducted a large furniture and undertaking place at Rocklin, but the removal of the railroad shops, and with them so many people, made it necessary for him to seek a new location.

It happened—very fortunately, in this case—that James Freeman was prominently active in the Native Sons of the Golden West, and that in time he became a delegate to several state conventions, one of which was held in Monterey. Having seen the historic old town, he determined, if possible, to make his home here. In 1908 therefore he returned and purchased Mr. Oliver's undertaking business and ever since he has regularly added to its equipment, and increased his stock of all that is necessary, as he is far away from the usual source of supplies. He has a dignified chapel in which funeral services may be held and he owns two motor-hearses. With his careful personal attention to the desires of each and every patron, he finds it relatively easy to give satisfaction of the kind that evokes grateful appreciation. In his difficult. delicate and decidedly responsible work, Mr. Freeman is ably assisted by his wife, who is also a licensed undertaker.

Mrs. Freeman was Miss Esther M. Fletcher before her marriage, and she is a daughter of the pioneer, Levi Fletcher, who first settled in California in 1857. Seven years later he returned east, where he remained until 1888, but the irresistible lure of California drew him back here, in 1888, about the time of the great "boom" in southern California, and he became interested in development of the granite quarries near Rocklin. Mrs. Freeman belongs to the Eastern Star, and she is a past matron and charter member of the Hebe Roseville chapter. She also belongs to the Cypress Lodge of the Rebekahs, the ladies auxiliary of the I. O. O. F., of Pacific Grove, and she is an ex-president of the Monterey Civic Club, and also of the ladies of the Sherman Circle, Grand Army of the Republic, and of the Robert Wainwright Auxiliary of the Veterans of the Spanish-American War of Monterey. Mr. Freeman is a charter member of the Native Sons of the Golden West, having first belonged to Rocklin Parlor, from which he was transferred to the Parlor at Monterey, and he is a Knight of Columbus, a Forester, a Moose and an Eagle. He belongs to various patriotic bodies and is second to none in participating in any good work for the general uplift of the community and for the advancement of the best interests of all Monterey county.

NICHOLAS PAUL SINNOTT.

Exceptionally popular among the most experienced and most efficient of Santa Cruz county's supervisors, Nicholas Paul Sinnott, who has the honor to represent San Lorenzo district No. 5, has been able to exert an influence highly progressive and favorable to the best public interests. A farmer's son, he was born in Marin county, April 20, 1874, his parents being James B. and Mary (White) Sinnott, worthy pioneers who came to California in the stirring days of 1873. They removed to Santa Cruz in April, 1884, and there the father farmed. He cleared the land of timber, having taken a homestead tract and preempted other land, near Boulder Creek, in July, 1884. The mother, beloved by many who long revered her memory, is now deceased and her good works live after her. In the family were six children.

Nicholas Paul Sinnott attended the rural schools, and what he did not acquire there, he afterward learned in the more important school of actual experience. At the age of fourteen, he went into the Porter Brothers shingle mills, but four years later he took up railroading, which he followed for twenty years, while he made Felton his home. In 1909 he engaged in the livery business, but in time the automobile crowded out other forms of vehicles, and he took up draying. He is now in business with his brother John B. and they are the owners of two teams and trucks. Luckily for the public, in 1916 he was elected county supervisor, and now he is serving his eighth year. He is greatly interested in the development of Santa Cruz county, and it has fallen to his lot, as an advocate of the best obtainable public utilities, to lead the movement for the improvement of the great highways. Naturally he is a Native Son.

At Boulder Creek, on February 3, in the year 1904, Mr. Sinnot was married to Miss Rosie Glass, a native of Felton and a daughter of John Glass, the pioneer cooper of the town. Three children have been born of this union, namely: Nicholas John, Catherine and Francis. Mr. Sinnott is a democrat in politics and is a member of the Catholic church. Fraternally he is an Elk, and he is also a Knight of Colum-

NICHOLAS P. SINNOTT

bus of the third degree. He is public-spirited, and gives largely of his time and resources for the common weal but he finds time for healthful recreation and is especially fond of hunting deer.

FRED FALKENBERG.

Among the valuable citizens whom the Scandinavian countries have furnished to the United States is Fred Falkenberg, whose public spirit finds expression in his work as superintendent of the city parks of Watsonville, to which city he came empty-handed when a young man of twenty-three years, and his record proves that the old fashioned virtues of industry, honesty and perseverance still constitute the key to prosperity.

Fred Falkenberg is a native of Denmark, born June 8, 1865, and attended the schools of that country until he reached the age of fourteen years, when he started out to earn a livelihood, taking up farm work. Seeing but little chance for advancement in his native land, he decided to follow the example of many of his compatriots and sought the broader opportunities offered in America. His brother, Chris Falkenberg, and his two sisters had preceded him to California, and in 1888 he arrived in Watsonville. He had no knowledge of the English language and his pockets contained but ten cents. He first worked in his brother's grocery store, which was located on the corner of Main street and Lake avenue. Under his father he had gained a practical knowledge of gardening, and, finding that occupation most congenial, he obtained work of that character in Watsonville, caring for lawns and planting trees, flowers and shrubs. He made a close study of the science of horticulture and each year augmented his knowledge and increased his skill. He at length became recognized as an expert in this line of work and in 1908 was appointed superintendent of Plaza park, of which he has since had charge, his long retention in the position indicating the quality of his service and the appreciation of his worth. He has greatly improved the park by well kept lawns and the planting of many choice varieties of trees, palms, flowers and shrubs. He has converted it into the beauty spot of the city, and the residents of Watsonville find much enjoyment in visiting this fine recreation center.

In 1899 Mr. Falkenberg married Miss Laura Madsen, who is also a native of Denmark and came to the United States in 1890. Four children were born to them but one died in early life and another at the age of nineteen years. Those now living are Elma and Fred, aged respectively twenty-seven and twenty-four years. The daughter is the wife of Andrew Hansen, and the son is serving in the United States navy.

Mr. Falkenberg is connected with the Danish Lodge and the Foresters of America. He owns an attractive residence in Watsonville and takes commendable pride in his home. He is a lover of nature, being thoroughly cognizant of its beauties, and has chosen the vocation best suited to his talents, finding keen enjoyment in the performance of his daily tasks. Mr. Falkenberg has lived in Watsonville for thirty-seven years, and his admirable traits of character have drawn to him a large circle of friends, who speak of him in laudatory terms.

MRS. CECIL M. DAVIS PECK.

Prominent among the most progressive of California educators whose broad-mindedness and humanitarian sympathies have won the public esteem and favor may well be mentioned Mrs. Cecil M. Davis Peck, superintendent of schools of Santa Cruz county. A native of the splendid old state of Nebraska, she was born at Table Rock and is daughter of Dr. A. F. and Alice M. (Felt) Davis. Her father, who was a well known physician and surgeon came to California when our subject was a child. The family located at Soquel, where Dr. Davis is still a highly esteemed medical practitioner.

Cecil M. Davis attended the schools of Soquel, beginning her struggle for an education in the great public school system of the state, and in 1903 she was graduated

from the excellent Santa Cruz high school. Later she completed with honor a course in the University of California, when in 1907 she received the degree of B. L. Subsequently she went back to her Alma Mater for postgraduate work. She next took a course at the State Normal School at San Jose, duly graduating, and in 1908 received her teacher's diploma. She taught at Aptos, Santa Cruz county, for two years and in Alameda county for four years. She was then engaged in educational work at the Panama Pacific Exposition, but was recalled to Aptos and offered the principalship of the school.

In 1918 Miss Davis was elected county superintendent of schools, and she is now serving, with satisfaction to the great body of citizens, her sixth year in that responsible office. Nor could she have escaped this peculiar charge, once it was known that she was available for the work. She had always held that there is no institution nearer the voters than our public school system, and that there is no institution so important as these same public schools to our democracy, and it is her own conviction that there is no public office of greater concern to the local voters than that of superintendent of schools. Her fellow citizens believed that they would find Miss Davis capable and energetic, with a strong personality and possessing both vigor and enthusiasm—most necessary factors if one would inspire youth and co-workers. She is known as a woman likely to make good her own motto of "Efficiency and Economy."

On the 25th of December, 1924, Miss Davis was united in marriage to Hollis B. Peck, a native of Michigan, who has been a resident of Santa Cruz for the past ten years. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is now engaged in the general insurance business. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mrs. Peck is still continuing her official work. As a member of the Saturday Afternoon Club, she has been a leader, and she has served as district deputy of the Rebekah lodge and as past matron of the Eastern Star. Deeply interested in physical fitness, she is an expert surf-bather, believing in the ancient standard of a sound mind in a sound body.

EDITH M. GUERIN, R. N.

Notable among the beneficent institutions of which both the town and county of Monterey are justly proud is undoubtedly the Monterey Peninsular Hospital, now under the able, broad-minded management of its proprietor, Miss Edith M. Guerin, R. N., an influential personality in the local field of nursing. The hospital was first conducted by Doctors Tealey and McAulay but after two years it was taken over by Mrs. Holt and her mother, Mrs. Munion. For one reason or another, although always deserving of whole-hearted support, the enterprise met with only indifferent success; until, in 1918, Miss Guerin, whose reputation for learning, experience and ability had been established elsewhere, bought the Hospital which, by hard, unceasing and most conscientious work, and the minutest personal attention to the wants of all who resort to it for relief or cure, she has made enviably famous as one of the best establishments of the kind in California. Having been thrown open to all the physicians of the Peninsula, it has come to be favored and used by the leading exponents of the science and practice of medicine and surgery in this part of the state and with the most modern equipment for all obstetrical and surgical cases, it ranks with many larger institutions in its capacity for absolutely dependable service. The Hospital is located at 515 Lighthouse Avenue, in a very desirable and convenient environment.

Miss Guerin, who is of an attractive temperament, and is therefore the center of a circle of appreciative and cooperating friends, is a native of Michigan, having been born at Detroit. Her early educational training was that of the usual grammar and high school courses. She came to Southern California in 1910, so that she is now in familiar touch with the spirit of California institutions and with the ideals and ambitions of Californians. She has applied herself assiduously to her profession, keeping abreast of the progress of science by close study, and today is fully accredited,

under the California law, for all the responsiblities of her work and position, being a regularly registered nurse.

In national politics a republican, but quite willing to throw aside partisanship. Miss Guerin's political life has to be one of influence rather than of activity as her time is fully occupied with her manifold duties in the hospital, whereby she is rendering signal service to her fellow townspeople, making her hospital a most valuable institution to the community.

WILLIAM EDWARD A. KING.

William Edward A. King, of Santa Cruz, is an enterprising, experienced florist who has done much both to encourage the cultivation of flowers and to form public taste and appreciation of floral beauty. He is a native of England, born in Cornwall, March 12, 1843. His father was William E. A. King, a sailing master in the royal navy, and he had married Miss Eliza Dorward, a native of Jersey, England, and a charming girl of her time, who made an excellent wife and mother. She lived to the grand old age of eighty-five years, but the father died at the age of forty-eight.

When fourteen years of age our subject was apprenticed to a landscape gardener, from whom he also learned what it was to be a florist; and at the age of sixteen he rented a small piece of land and embarked in business for himself. At the end of two years, he sold his interests in England and migrated to New Zealand, where he served for a couple of years in the cavalry, and then tried his luck at gold mining in New Zealand. On June 12, 1866, he landed for the first time in San Francisco.

From California Mr. King moved southward to Mexico where during 1870-71 he was busy colonizing. Having disposed of his interests there, he returned to California and in 1879 reached Santa Cruz county. He secured a choice tract of some seven hundred acres near Watsonville and he was the first to plant apples in that section, and his success was the beginning of the great apple industry of the Watsonville district. He grew yellow Newtown pippins, winter pearmains and yellow bellflower apples, but later he subdivided his property, known as Hazel Dell, and sold all of it. He then became interested in Los Angeles property, but met with failure in that enterprise.

On September 20, 1889, Mr. King returned to Santa Cruz and engaged in business as a florist, becoming the pioneer in that line hereabouts for he has been busy in that field for the past thirty-five years. Too much credit, and also honor, cannot be given to this ambitious, progressive and industrious man, who first opened up paths along which so many other folks have since, with more or less success and fortune, traveled.

In the year 1875, at San Francisco, Mr. King was married to Miss Orisa Ann Perigo, a native of Massachusetts, who was reared in Colusa county, California, and died in 1910. To them was born a daughter, Jeanetta O., now Mrs. Woodward, who has two children, and with whom Mr. King now makes his home. He is a charter member of the Sons of St. George and also of the Odd Fellows of San Francisco.

PINE GROVE SANITARIUM, PACIFIC GROVE.

The Pine Grove Sanitarium is widely-known as a beneficent institution chamingly situated and admirably conducted, under the able management of Mrs. Roe Shepard. The sanitarium was formerly the residence of the late Admiral Chancy Thomas, and the estate includes three acres of ground. The Admiral named it "Moorings," and in more than one sense, perhaps, today, that name still applies, with force and sentiment. Mrs. Shepherd purchased the property in 1921, and made numerous and expensive improvements. Besides the indispensable operating room, with all necessary modern appliances, she provided, as part of the changes made through her expenditure of thousands upon the place, a cheery dining room and a spacious recreation room for nurses.

Mrs. Shepard is a native of the good old State of Michigan, and a graduate of St. Mary's Hospital, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 1904 she came to California and since then has followed her profession with almost phenomenal success in different parts of the state. She has two children, a daughter, Madeline, and a son, William.

The Pine Grove Sanitarium is a thoroughly up-to-date institution in what is generally acknowledged to be ideal surroundings. It is located amid the pines of Pacific Grove, on historic Monterey peninsula, one of the most picturesque spots of all California, within a comfortable four hours ride of San Francisco. As is well known Pacific Grove is a health and pleasure resort open all the year round; the quiet, restful environment contributes, with ocean, bay, timber, inspiring drives and comfortable walks, to make it a place sure to benefit anyone receptive to the good things for the body and healthy mentality. All of the sanitarium's rooms are large, light, well-ventilated, properly heated and suitably furnished and some of the rooms have both private bath and sun porch. There is also a ward for those who prefer such service and modern, dependable surgery meets the need of all operative cases. A large, pleasant living room and solarium, providing a splendid home atmosphere for those who need sanitarium care and treatment, makes an ideal place for convalescents.

The Pine Grove Sanitarium gives all kinds of treatments, including baths and the Porter system of rest and milk diet, substituting goat-milk for the Holstein where desired. The possible benefits to those who suffer from heart trouble may very properly be emphasized, for the location of the Pine Grove Sanitarium is especially favorable. No tubercular cases, however, of those of contagious nature are accepted. All of the nurses, attendants and other help are experienced and in addition to their efficiency, they are marked for their courtesy and unselfish interest in others.

The Pine Grove Sanitarium is open to all physicians and surgeons, and out-of-town cases receive the same care and attention as are uniformly given to those from the locality.

HARRY D. FREIERMUTH.

Hary D. Freiermuth, a lifelong resident of Watsonville and one of its most loyal sons, is engaged in the hardware and plumbing business and ably continues one of the city's pioneer enterprises. He was born October 17, 1879, and his parents were P. J. and Permelia (Chapin) Freiermuth, the former a native of Germany and the latter of San Jose, California. The father was very young when the family emigrated to the United States, and in Minnesota he was reared and educated. He came to Watsonville early in the '70s, when a young man, joining his uncle, George A. Freiermuth, who had preceded him to the city and was the proprietor of its first hardware and plumbing establishment. Under his guidance P. J. Freiermuth learned the tinner's trade and afterward went to San Francisco, where he served an apprenticeship to the plumber's trade with the W. W. Montague Company, a pioneer firm of that city. Returning to Watsonville, he embarked in the plumbing and hardware business in 1882 with a small stock, and success attended the venture. He moved the business to its present location at No. 247 Main street in 1897 and remained at its head until his death in 1904. He was highly esteemed in commercial circles of the city and won and retained a position of leadership in the lines in which he specialized. He was a man of marked public spirit and became a member of the old volunteer fire department, also serving for a term as one of the trustees of Watsonville. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Freiermuth, five are now living: Harry D., Loretta, George P., Vincent J. and Theresa.

The public schools of Watsonville afforded Harry D. Freiermuth his early educational privileges, and he also had the benefit of instruction in St. Mary's College. When eighteen years of age he entered his father's store and zealously applied himself to the task of learning the business, which he mastered in principle and detail. On the death of its founder he became president of the P. J. Freiermuth Company, in which capacity he has since served, and the other officers are George P. Freiermuth, vice president, and A. M. Earls, secretary and treasurer. The business has grown steadily, keeping pace with the development of the city, and has now reached large

proportions. It has endured for more than forty years, and the success of the company is due to the fact that the master formula of honor, integrity and trustworthiness has ever remained unchanged. Mr. Freiermuth has proven a worthy successor of his father, closely watching every new avenue opened in the natural ramifications of the trade, and is constantly enlarging the scope of the undertaking. He also owns real estate in San Francisco and receives substantial returns from his investments.

On January 25, 1902, Mr. Freiermuth married Miss Lou H. Webb, a native of Texas, and they now have four children: Peter J., Arthur, Ruth and Beth. Mr. Freiermuth has always found time for civic activities and for eight years was a member of the board of aldermen, doing much valuable work for the municipality in that connection. He is a faithful communicant of the Catholic church and belongs to Watsonville Council, No. 953, of the Knights of Columbus. He is identified with the local lodges of the Elks and Foresters, the Exchange Club of this city, and also has membership relations with Watsonville Parlor, No. 65, Native Sons of the Golden West. His breadth of view has enabled him to recognize possibilities not only for his own advancement but also for his city's development, and his public spirit has prompted him to utilize the latter as quickly and as effectively as the former. Mr. Freiermuth is widely known throughout the valley and possesses those qualities which never fail to inspire respect and confidence.

H. A. HANSEN.

An experienced, wide-awake and efficient executive is H. A. Hansen, the popular manager of the Union Supply Company, at Monterey, one of the important industrial establishments of Lighthouse avenue. He commenced life with the preeminent advantage of being a native son of California, for he was born in Humboldt county, October 19, 1882, to which section his parents had migrated in the centennial year, 1876.

Mr. Hansen attended the public schools, and then got into the manufacturing field as a shingle maker. With his father, he came to Monterey in 1904 and established the company of which his father is president, the latter giving additional status, by his long years of experience and many valuable connections, to the dependability of the concern. They manufacture all kinds of interior and exterior finish, having their own planing mill, and they also conduct a retail lumber yard. In their extensive operations they employ eighteen men, the staff forming a model organization, each interested in the welfare and prosperity of the other and all devoted to their patrons, who come from far and near.

Mr. Hansen, a successful business man, is also a public-spirited citizen, and since his advent here, has been committed to furthering the best interests of both the town and the county of Monterey. In national politics a republican, he is above partisan control when it comes to supporting what he believes to be the best men and the best measures.

GEORGE J. CARSTULOVICH.

George J. Carstulovich, the smiling and genial proprietor of the Saddle Rock Cafe, at 73 Pacific avenue, Santa Cruz, was born March 12, 1877, in Dalmatia, a son of Antone and Margarete Carstulovich. Three sons of the family came to this country, including John, who emigrated to America before our subject was born, and they did not meet until 1905. The other brother to choose the United States as his home was Pete.

George Carstulovich attended both the grammar and the high schools in Dalmatia, and then entered the University of Agriculture, where he pursued practical courses for five years. At the age of twenty-eight years he crossed the ocean to the United States, having already served the time required of him by his home government in the army, and here he joined his brothers in the cafe business. Later one of the trio

returned to the old country and sold one-half of his interest to George, and in 1911 John died. George Carstulovich then continued to conduct the cafe for the estate but in 1914 came into possession of the whole property. The Saddle Rock Cafe is the second oldest restaurant in Santa Cruz, having been opened thirty-five years ago by George Dobelich and in its management are now employed eight people. Mr. Carstulovich is fond of outdoor life and given to hunting. Fraternally he is a member of the Foresters and the Eagles, and in national politics he is a democrat but his interest is so keen in all that pertains to the welfare of Santa Cruz county that he never allows partisanship to interefere with his endorsement of the best men and the best measures. Being public-spirited to a high degree, he is ready at all times to assist in forwarding any movement for the public good.

JOHN E. WALLACE.

John E. Wallace, filling the office of recorder of Monterey county, at Salinas, in which town he was born, December 30, 1887, is the son of David and Rebecca (Kraufner) Wallace, both natives of Monterey. He attended the public schools of Salinas and then entered the employ of the Southern Pacific Railroad, with which concern he remained for thirteen years, serving most of the time as chief clerk at Pajaro. Later he became the county sealer of weights and measures and the characteristics of fidelity and integity that marked him as a railway employe shone out strongly when he came to fill public office.

It is not surprising, therefore, that he was elected County Recorder for Monterey in 1921, and that the choice was made by a majority of eight hundred in the primaries. It is needless to remark that it was a great satisfaction to his many friends when, on the first of January, 1922, he was ushered into office,—the same office, by the way, that his father occupied as far back as 1886, although a new system is now in force for keeping the county records, differing greatly from that employed in his father's time. In those days it was common for clerks to be from two to three months behind in their records and now the records are kept up to date daily. In those days, the clerks were paid a monthly salary but now they are paid a commission on each piece of work recorded.

Mr. Wallace married Miss Edna Davis, of San Lucas, Monterey County, and they have one daughter, Maxine, aged twelve. Mr. Wallace is part owner of a large stock ranch in Monterey county, known as the Los Ramos rancho, and in his spare time he seeks to develop his new possession. He belongs to Lodge No. 614 of the B. P. O. E., and to Salinas lodge, No. 183, of the Knights of Pythias; and he is also a member of San Francisco Lodge, No. 52, of the D. O. K. K. Wherever he goes, he enjoys a cordial welcome, and nowhere more so than in fraternal circles.

ALBERT MUNDHENK.

Among the citizens of foreign nationality who have left the impress of their individuality upon Watsonville's history is Albert Mundhenk, a retired capitalist, to whom the city is indebted for many of its finest buildings. He has made his own way in the world, and his life record proves what may be accomplished by courage, industry and perseverance, impelled by the spirit of progress and guided by good judgment.

A native of Germany, Mr. Mundhenk was born May 11, 1862, and after completing his studies served a three years' apprenticeship to the baker's trade at Pyrmont. He worked in large bakeries in various German cities and at Stockholm, Sweden, and when twenty-one years of age yielded to the lure of the new world, arriving in New York city in 1883. He had no acquaintances in this country and was unacquainted with the English language, while his financial resources were very limited. Going to St. Louis, Missouri, he there spent a short time and then continued his journey westward, California being his destination. For a short time he engaged

in prospecting in the mining districts of Michigan Bluff and Foresthill, Placer county, and on his return to San Francisco resumed work at his trade, entering the employ of Fred Helwig, a pioneer baker of that city. The business is still in operation in San Francisco and is now conducted by the son of its founder.

By the exercise of economy and self-denial Mr. Mundhenk had accumulated a small capital, which he decided to invest in Watsonville, and in 1887 he opened a store on Main street, near the corner of Fifth. Three years later he sold the business and started a bakery at the intersection of Seventh and Chestnut streets in Oakland, California. At the end of a few years he returned to Watsonville and re-entered business circles of the city, where he has since made his home. In 1897 he began operating in real estate, purchasing a lot on Main street, between Third street and Lake avenue, on the east side, and on this he built a business block of two stories. This structure and the Mansion House were at that time the only buildings on that side of the street, and Mr. Mundhenk conducted a bakery in one of the stores in his block, which he afterward sold to Charles Rowe. In 1910 he erected the A. Mundhenk block at No. 457 Main street, a modern three story brick building, which he still owns and rents. In the rear of the block he bought a piece of land running through to Van Ness avenue and on this property built three cottages, now known as Mundhenk Court. A sagacious, farsighted business man, he has been uniformly successful in his investments and has left as monuments to his enterprise and ability some of the city's best examples of architectural symmetry and beauty, greatly enhancing the value of realty in this locality.

In 1892 Mr. Mundhenk married Miss Anna Schneckeuburger, who died in 1921, leaving three children: Albert H., a gifted artist, whose portraits and outdoor scenes have won for him national repute; Pearl, who resides at home, and Harold, who is an attorney of San Francisco.

Mr. Mundhenk is a member of Pajaro Lodge, No. 90, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and also belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Independent Order of Foresters. In 1924 he returned to Germany, finding much pleasure in revisiting the scenes of his youth. He is loyal to his adopted country, being thoroughly in sympathy with American ideals and interests, and combines in his character all of the qualities of a useful and desirable citizen.

HENRY W. COLLINS.

Henry W. Collins, of 44 West San Lucas Street, Salinas, proprietor of the Salinas Undertaking Parlors, was born in Marin county, California, October 12, 1873, a son of Thomas Henry and Matilda (Foley) Collins, the former a native of Arkansas and the latter of Massachusetts. Thomas H. Collins was a '49er, and as a real pioneer, he drove a band of cattle across the great plains in the year of the Argonauts, accompanying a party of five others. He followed mining and was one of the first to try his luck on Feather River. Later he was active in farming and cattle-raising in Marin County. Such was his life among his fellowmen, and the principles that guided his life, made him honored as a man of real usefulness in his community.

Henry W. Collins attended the schools of Marin county and later a college in San Francisco. He then settled for a while in Sausalito, Marin County, where he learned the steam-fitting and plumbing trade, which he followed as a contractor. Subsequently, he joined his brother and engaged in the business of undertaking. He studied embalming in the largest undertaking establishment in San Francisco, and was there graduated from the Pacific College of Embalming and Funeral Directing.

Coming to Salinas in 1913, Mr. Collins bought out the business of C. R. Pickering, located in the Masonic Temple on Main Street and in September, 1923, he built and removed to his new and thoroughly modern establishment on West San Lucas Street, where he introduced the most approved methods, making the building and equipment among the best in the state, sparing neither expense nor trouble to attain the desired results. The establishment is located in a quiet street, the decorations are in keeping with becoming simplicity, and there is a large chapel and also special rooms for the family or near of kin who may attend as chief mourners. The patronage

accorded Mr. Collins by the most representative people of Salinas and vicinity attests to their appreciation of his efforts for their welfare.

Mr. Collins is married and has four children: Henry Benjamin, Charles William, Clarice and Ethel Victoria.

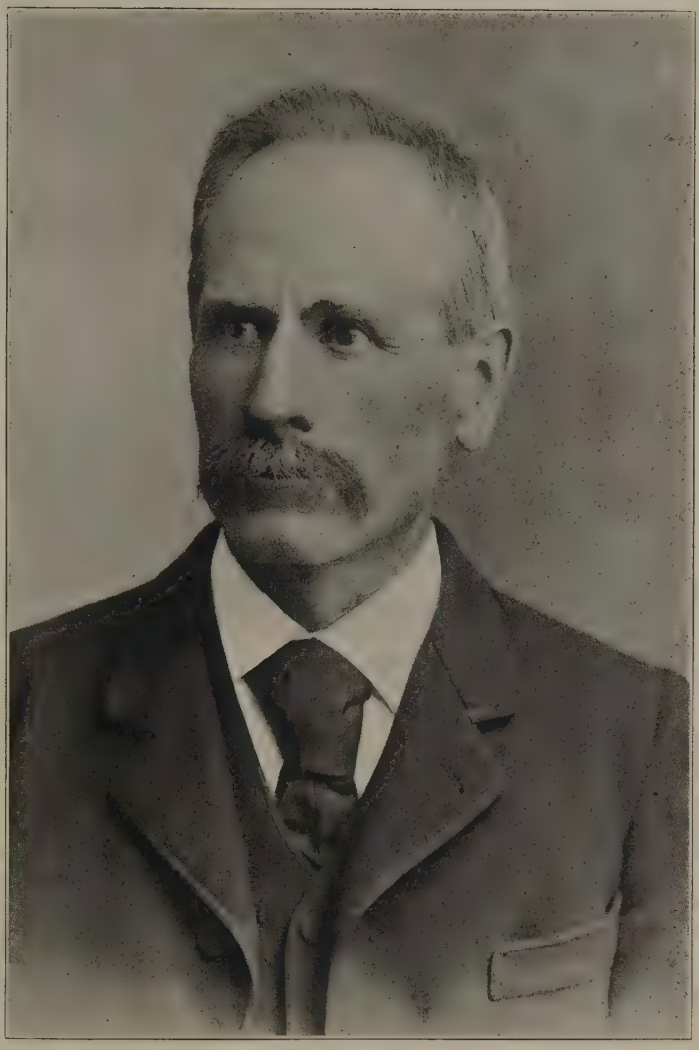
Mr. Collins was the sixth man to enlist in the California Sharpshooters, and later he served in the Navy during the Spanish-American war, he was in the Philippines for a time and was in China during the Boxer uprising. He belongs to the Veterans of the Spanish War, is a member of the Major Wainwright Camp of Foreign Wars of Monterey, and a member of the Gaston Burgese Post of United Veterans of the Republic, in which he has held office. Mr. Collins is likewise connected with various fraternal organizations. He is a charter member and past president of Sea Point Parlor, N. S. G. W., of Sausalito; he also belongs to Salinas Lodge, No. 204, F. & A. M., and the Sciots, and to Alisal Lodge, No. 163, I. O. O. F., and to Lodge No. 614, B. P. O. E., at Salinas. Deeply interested in the public welfare, he has furthered progress in many ways and his support can at all times be counted on to further the general good. He has done effective service as chairman of the good roads committee and has been deputy county coroner in Monterey county for eight years. There have also been unusual, picturesque and ofttimes exciting chapters in his life history. He has spent two years at sea, hunting in the Arctic and the Alaskan waters on the sailing vessel, Mattie T. Dyer, which was built in Maine and was the fastest vessel of her time in the Pacific. Of this ship he was part owner and mate. Being a crack shot, he was head hunter and became an authority on seals and fur-bearing animals, writing for publication upon the subject.

WALTER H. SMITH.

Walter H. Smith, one of the best known and most progressive of the young orchardists of the Watsonville neighborhood, was born on the well kept place on which he now lives, a mile east of the city of Watsonville, and has lived there all his life. He was born October 30, 1889, and is a son of Clement and Elizabeth (McLean) Smith, both natives of the Dominion of Canada. The father was born in the province of Ontario and died at his home on the ranch adjacent to the city of Watsonville in 1921, he then being eighty-six years of age. His widow survived him a little more than two years, her death occurring in November, 1923. She was born in the province of Nova Scotia.

The late Clement Smith was for more than forty years a resident of the Watsonville neighborhood. His mother died three days after his birth, and his father died when he was eight years of age. He was taken into the home of others but conditions were so unsatisfactory to him that long before he had attained his majority he "ran off" and was for years thereafter a sort of rover, coming to the United States and working at such labor as his hands found to do throughout the east, middle west and south. In time he settled down to the carpenter's trade, which vocation he followed for some time in San Francisco after he became a resident of California. He worked for four years on the Santa Clara College. It was along in the middle '70s that Clement Smith came to California, coming around by way of the Isthmus. In 1880 he removed to Watsonville and bought the tract of thirty-eight acres on which his son Walter now is living and there established his home, he and his wife spending the remainder of their lives there. They were the parents of four children, of whom the subject of this biographical review was the last born, the others being Florence, wife of Fred Corsen of Oakland, California; Mrs. Belle Gardelius, who is now living in San Francisco; and Genevieve, who died at the age of seventeen years.

Reared on the home farm in the immediate vicinity of Watsonville, Walter H. Smith received his early schooling in the schools of that city and supplemented this by a course in the business college. From the days of his boyhood, as the only son of the family, he gave his active attention to the labors incident to the development of his father's fruit growing interests and thus early became a thorough and practical horticulturist. His father had begun his operations there as a berry grower, raising the first blackberries in the district, but presently turned to other



CLEMENT SMITH

fruit and the orchard he set out is now one of the best in the locality. After his marriage, at the age of twenty-four, Walter H. Smith continued to reside on the home place, taking the active management off his father's shoulders, and since the latter's death has been in proprietary control. Having made numerous improvements, he now has an admirably kept and well appointed orchard and all his equipment is in up-to-date order. In politics he is a republican.

It was on the 9th of June, 1913, that Walter H. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Agnes J. Silvarer of Watsonville, who is the seventh in order of birth in a family of nine children. Her parents, Charles and Jane (Dowden) Silvarer, were pioneers of the San Andreas district, where the father developed a fine valley farm of one hundred acres. Both are now deceased. Mrs. Smith takes a practical interest in horticulture and has ever been a real helpmate in the operations of the orchard plant.

HORACE LANGDON.

Horace Langdon, one of the esteemed residents of Pacific Grove, is proprietor of the well equipped Monterey Machine Works on Lighthouse avenue, Monterey. A native of Wisconsin, he was born on a farm March 11, 1851, the son of Oliver and Sarah (Knight) Langdon, the former a pioneer farmer of that state. He enlisted in the Union army in the Civil war and died in the service, from disease contracted in the performance of his duty, on the same day when President Lincoln expired. The Langdons hail from old or early American stock.

Horace Langdon attended the rural schools of Wisconsin and like most boys in that pioneer country went to work at such a tender age, leaving home when only sixteen. He then lived with a farmer and his family until he was twenty-one. He spent ten years in sawmill work for in those days in Wisconsin, the principal industry was lumbering or milling with the saw. For ten years he also constructed sawmills and operated them for a while but in 1878 he went to Nebraska, where he followed machine work in all of its branches until 1907 when he came to California.

Locating in Monterey at that time he soon bought his present shop and he has built up an excellent trade, dealing in shafting, pulleys, hangers, belting, etc., and carrying a thorough equipment for accurate machine work. He aims to have on hand constantly a complete stock of machine-shop supplies, steam-fitting, iron and brass pipe materials and appliances and although now in his seventy-third year he is such an expert machinist that he is never at a loss to know what to do and how to do it. The dependability of his labor and products has long been his commendable ambition.

When Mr. Langdon married he chose as his bride, Miss Helen F. Wood, a daughter of Iowa, who was reared in Nebraska. Three children have been born to them. A daughter, Ida, has become the wife of G. T. Rose; Oliver is a director of religious instruction in the Sunday school California State Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and Ethel M. is the librarian of the Wesleyan University of Nebraska. Although registering as a republican, Mr. Langdon has always been active in advancing prohibition; and he never fails to manifest a helpful interest in local civic affairs.

FRANK PEDEMONTE.

Frank Pedemonte is a fruit grower of both experience and enterprise, whose success, the result of intelligent forethought and practical industry and thrift, has encouraged others working in the same field. He was born in Italy, May 22, 1857, the son of J. Giacomo and Maria Pedemonte, worthy folks in their time who did what they could for their family. The father died in the land of his nativity but it was Mrs. Pedemonte's fortune to come across the ocean and see the New World of her son's adoption, and here, on these western shores, to breathe her last in comfort and quiet.

Frank Pedemonte did not have the same opportunities for a schooling that most boys everywhere enjoy, but he managed to pick up here and there the rudiments of

education, so that when he emigrated to America about 1875, he was better equipped for the struggle than might be imagined. He came to Santa Cruz, California, and first worked as a helper on a ranch. At the end of eight years he was able to buy a farm as the result of his labor and savings. With his brothers, he bought a large tract of vegetable gardens, and when, at length a division was made of the valuable property, he acquired nine acres as his portion. This choice section he planted to fruit, and with such discrimination that he has finally developed a very attractive fruit ranch. He likes his home, although he has never married and when he wanders away, it is to feast his eyes on the natural attractions of Santa Cruz county.

In national politics Mr. Pedemonte has held himself above mere party limitations, and he has therefore been able to exert a greater influence with his fellow countrymen, aiding them to become good American citizens. It is natural, as a consequence, that Frank Pedemonte should always have the cordial hand extended to him by fellow ranchers, and that he should long ago have been made to feel that he is highly appreciated here for his real worth.

FRANKLIN VARIEN.

Franklin Varien is an enterprising, dependable and successful dealer in real estate at 571 Lighthouse avenue, Pacific Grove. He was born here, May 5, 1893, a son of W. H. Varien, also of Pacific Grove, whose birth occurred in Dahlia county, Ohio, August 1, 1864, his parents being Alonzo and Margaret (Varien) both natives of Ohio. W. H. Varien came to California with his parents in 1876, when he was twelve years of age, and learned the trade of a barber. At Ione, Amador County, he worked for three years at his trade, and afterward went to Plymouth, in the same county, where he ran a shop for seven years. In 1890 he removed to Pacific Grove and here owns and conducts the Museum Barber Shop and Billiard Hall, on Front Avenue, a popular rendezvous. A crack shot, his hobby has always been the shooting of game, and he is particularly expert at trap shooting. His shop is adorned with prizes of the hunt, including head of deer and other game he has brought to the ground. He has also shown his prowess in picking birds upon the wing. He has made many records in trap shooting, scoring one hundred and fifty-two hits straight without a miss, and he has taken medals at meets in Oregon, Nevada, Arizona and California. He also made a coast record at Fresno, of only seven misses out of three hundred and seventy-five in the trap shooting, with clay pigeons. He is a member of the Monterey Gun Club, the San Juan Gun Club and the California Indians, an organization of trap shooters. He also belongs to Monterey Lodge, No. 1285, B. P. O. E.

Franklin Varien attended the grammar and high schools of Pacific Grove and then studied law in Monterey, with R. H. Willy, with whom he was associated for three years. Going to Oregon, he took up a government claim in Harney county, and on removing to Fresno, joined the Bank of Italy. After the United States entered the World war, he was at Camp Lewis for eight months, becoming drill sergeant and an officer of the training camp and was at Camp Grant, in Illinois, at the signing of the Armistice. Returning to Fresno he resumed his position with the Bank of Italy, and in April, 1919, he accepted a position with the Crane State Bank, at Crane, Oregon. He was made cashier, and was there from June, 1921, until June, 1924, when he returned to Pacific Grove and purchased the real estate business of Messrs. Harper & Leek. Mr. Varien has a host of friends, and it is not surprising that he prospers in all that he undertakes.

His card to the people of Pacific Grove and the Monterey peninsula was characteristic and interesting. "I wish to announce," he said, "that I have purchased the business and equipment of the real estate firm of Harper & Leek, and will continue to operate the same at 592 Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove, which for the past twenty years has been headquarters for everything in the line of real estate, insurance and rentals. I will endeavor to maintain the high business standing of the concern since its establishment by Mr. C. S. Harris, and continued for the past nine years by Harper & Lee.

"Mr. Harper having been appointed Postmaster of Pacific Grove, I purchased the business of the firm, and I am now at your service; and Colonel T. R. Weaver, who is so well and favorably known in this section of California, and who has for the past eighteen years been identified with this concern, as manager of the sales department, will remain with me in the same capacity, and will give me the benefit of his mature judgment, and large business experience.

"During my stay in Oregon, I was appointed a licensed real estate broker, and also a notary public for the state, and I handled a large insurance business in all its branches, so that I feel that I have had the necessary business experience to justify me in asking the people of Pacific Grove and the Monterey peninsula for their patronage, promising them in return my best efforts to serve them to their entire satisfaction. I shall be glad to have you call on me. His progressive methods, his industry and his business integrity constitute the secret of his success.

NOAH W. GARDNER.

Noah W. Gardner is the progressive proprietor of the well appointed Selby's Garage, at Monterey. He was born on a Virginia farm, September 21, 1877, the son of Alfred and Mary (Arendorff) Gardner, both descendants of fine old English stock. His father was an extensive farmer, prominent among Southern agriculturists, but died when his son Noah was a child, and so the rearing of the lad fell to the lot of the devoted mother, who sent him to both the public and the best local private schools. That he obtained a good start in life is evidenced by his later success.

Leaving behind the joys and the cares of youth, he followed the insurance business for a few years and then enlisted in the United States army for service in the Spanish-American war, joining the Sixth Battery of Artillery. After his discharge, he took up the pulp and paper business, working for two years in the mechanical department and was sent to various cities to construct, with a force of workmen, the paper and pulp plants needed. Leaving that field, he was occupied for seven years in the manufacture of soda and soda-ash and in 1906 made the most important shift of his life, coming west to California.

Reaching San Francisco, he was for a year steam engineer with the United Railroad and in 1907 he came to Monterey with the Monterey Gas & Electric Works. The company was just building a new plant, having dismantled the old one and for two and one-half years he was in charge of the installation of the turbine system. Changing again, Mr. Gardner was circulation manager for two and one-half years for the Monterey Daily Cypress and it was when he gave that up that he entered the automobile field, where his skill as a fine machinist and engineer was appreciated. At the end of four years, he took over the Selby garage, which at that time had a capacity of thirty cars, which he has since increased to two hundred cars. He offers his many patrons the great advantage of a thoroughly fireproof structure, and his reliable business methods have brought him a liberal patronage.

Mr. Gardner was married to Miss Mary M. Davis, of Virginia, by whom he has had three children. Le Roy, the eldest, is on the New York Times; Virginia Fairfax died in Monterey at the age of ten; and Elinore is still at school. Mr. Gardner is an Elk and he also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. In politics he is an old-time democrat but political views do not influence his allegiance to all those activities which work for the welfare of city, state and nation.

PETER STRUVE.

Peter Struve, a representative of one of the pioneer families of California, was long identified with agricultural operations in Santa Cruz county and is now living retired in Watsonville, enjoying in his later years the ease and comfort purchased by a life of industry and thrift. He was born December 22, 1866, on his father's ranch in the Roache district of the county, and his parents, Hans C. and Cecelia (Storm)

Struve, were both natives of Denmark. As a young man the father followed a seafaring life and came from China to San Francisco, California, in a sailing vessel which rounded Cape Horn. He left the ship at San Francisco and spent three years in the gold mines of the state. He then located in Redwood City, San Mateo county, and for some time worked in lumber camps and on ranches. He next bought a threshing machine outfit, which he took to the grain fields in the valley south of San Jose. He finally drifted into the Pajaro valley and rented a farm in Monterey county, growing wheat on the land. Later he bought the Roache ranch of three hundred and twenty acres in Santa Cruz county and there engaged in the growing of wheat and the raising of stock, also operating a dairy. He prospered in his undertakings and in 1872 decided to enter the mercantile field, choosing Watsonville as the scene of his activities, but he still retained the farm. For six years he engaged in merchandising in this city and on the expiration of that period returned to the home ranch. He continued to cultivate the property until 1900, when he retired, and his death occurred in 1908. His methods of farming were both practical and progressive, and by arduous labor he brought his land to a high state of development. He joined the Grange and was much interested in its work. His marriage took place in Denmark in 1865, and he returned with his bride to California. Of the six children born to them, four reached years of maturity but the daughter, Christina, is deceased. Those now living are Peter and Henry, both of whom reside in Watsonville; and Edward, whose home is in Chicago. All were born on the home ranch, and the old home of the Struve family still stands on East Third street in Watsonville, ranking with the oldest residences in this section of the city.

Peter Struve attended the rural school in the Roache district and when fifteen years of age started to work with his father on the threshing machine, also aiding in the cultivation of the homestead. Later he rented a tract of land in the Salinas valley and specialized in raising sugar beets. After a time he returned home and on the retirement of his father in 1900 took charge of the ranch, which he operated successfully until 1920, breeding high grade stock. He likewise conducted a dairy and brought to his tasks that expert knowledge of his occupation which is acquired only through years of practical experience. His standards of farming were high, and everything about his place reflected his progressive spirit. He is now leasing the ranch and makes his home in Watsonville. He is a member of the Elks Lodge, No. 1300, and also belongs to Watsonville Parlor, No. 65, of the Native Sons of the Golden West. In the sunset period of life he is enjoying the contentment and tranquility that comes from results achieved and tasks well done. Mr. Struve is familiar with most of the important events which have shaped the history of this region for more than a half century, and his friends are legion.

LUDWIG SCHMIDT.

When energy, determination and perseverance are arrayed against obstacles, trials and difficulties the result is practically certain, and it has been through the possession of these traits that Ludwig Schmidt has gained the victory in the battle of life. He came to the United States with no capital save youth and ambition and is now numbered among the most successful business men of Watsonville, owning one of the finest bakeries in northern California.

Mr. Schmidt is a native of Germany. He was born in Wurtemberg in 1887 and at the age of fourteen became a baker's apprentice, devoting seven years to learning the trade, which he followed in Frankfort, Hamburg and other cities of Germany and also in Switzerland. Like many of his fellow countrymen, Mr. Schmidt decided to seek his fortune in the new world and in 1912, when twenty-five years of age, he arrived in New York city. He had no friends in the city and was unable to speak English but it was imperative that he obtain employment without delay, as he had very little money. He worked for a time in small bakeries and then secured a position as baker on one of the ships of the Hamburg-American line, making trips between Panama and New York. In 1914 he came to the Pacific coast and was made manager of the bakery department of the Mead Bakery & Restaurant Company of San Francisco,

building up that branch of the business. He was also employed as baker on the Spreckels line of boats, working on the steamers Sierra and Ventura, on which he made trips to Australia. During this period he had been gaining valuable experience, and in 1920 he decided to venture in business for himself, choosing Watsonville as the scene of his activities. He purchased the Nolla & Ulmer Bakery on Main street, which had been established in 1902. Mr. Schmidt installed modern machinery and infused new life into the business, which has grown rapidly under his progressive management, ranking with the largest of the kind in this part of the state. He is unsurpassed in his line, and his product, which bears the name of Golden Crust bread, is known throughout the valley as the finest on the market. His business is conducted under the style of the Pajaro Valley Bakery, and in its operation he has obtained maximum efficiency.

In 1915 Mr. Schmidt married Miss Marie Kurtz, who was born in Berlin, Germany, and came to the United States in 1913. She ably assists her husband in the conduct of the business, and theirs is a most congenial and happy union. They are the parents of a son, Herman, who was born in California and is six years of age. Mr. Schmidt is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Pajaro Lodge, No. 90, and is also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He has worthily earned the distinctive title of "self-made man" and in every relation of life has acquitted himself with diginity, fidelity and honor, thus winning the approbation and esteem of his fellow citizens.

ALBERT B. McELHERAN.

Albert B. McElheran a successful contractor who has amply demonstrated his mastery of the many difficult problems in modern building, of 147 California street, Salinas, was born at San Francisco, July 27, 1885, a son of W. D. and Julia A. (Patterson) McElheran, the former a native of South Carolina,and the latter of San Francisco, her father having come to this state in 1842. When a lad of twelve years, W. D. McElheran was brought to California, and he grew up to be a blacksmith. Both parents, in reality, early became familiar with the spirit of the Golden state, and our subject thus inherited a birthright such as many a man might envy.

He attended the schools of Alma, Santa Clara county, and topped off his practical preparation for the duties of life by taking a stiff course in the well known business college at Anacaster, Washington. In San Francisco, later, he was apprenticed to William Plant, contractor and builder, under whose expert direction he learned the carpenter's trade, and at the end of three years, or in 1907, he came to Salinas where he was employed by Fred C. Carlsen, for eight years. Since establishing business on his own account he has specialized on fine residences, some of the choice structures he has erected being the homes of Dr. Rollin Reeves, Alexander Cooper, Mrs. A. Pesante, Mrs. Pezzoni, H. H. Thurlby, Mr. Herbert, all in Salinas, also the homes of Judge David Wallace, Fred Kruckel, John Adams, Frank Kattner, Bill Rainie and Frank Parsons, and many others, both within and outside of the town. He built the fine home of M. S. Gularte, at Santa Rita, and none better of its kind can be found for miles around. An architect, he has drawn the plans for many of the fine buildings he has erected.

Mr. McElheran was married at Salinas to Miss Marie Williams, of Monterey county, a pioneer's daughter. Their union has brought them three daughters—Dorothy, Ethel and Alberta. The group form a happy, hospitable family, and the family very naturally boasts a host of friends.

HOBART A. HARVEY.

Hobart A. Harvey, of the Daniels Transfer Company, of Santa Cruz, was born June 23, 1903, in this old town by the sea, whose past history he now knows so well and is the son of James A. and Amy (Goodwin) Harvey. The father was a native of San Francisco where the Harvey family always enjoyed an enviable status, iden-

tified with the beginning of things. When James A. Harvey was only six years of age, the family located in Santa Cruz county, and here he got his schooling and grew to manhood. For twenty-four years he drove the Tuscadero Stage, a period of his life that he always considered most stirring as stage driving in those days was full of adventure. In 1916 he bought an interest in the Daniels Transfer Company, continuing its active head until his death, on August 25, 1921. He served as county supervisor and was chairman of the board from 1910 until his demise. Upon his death his equity in the transfer company was acquired by J. C. Geyer and our subject.

Hobart A. Harvey attended both the grammar and the high schools of Santa Cruz, and then joined his father in business, remaining in that relation until the latter's death, when he and Mr. Geyer came into control of the business. His thorough familiarity with the workings of such an enterprise, together with his wide acquaintance among the people of Santa Cruz and vicinity have contributed to his success in making the Daniels Transfer Company one of the most serviceable of all similar lines anywhere in town or county. Mr. Harvey is a Native Son of the Golden West, and that means that he is often willing to stretch a point or two, independent of business considerations and possible profits, for the good name of the locality and the attraction of Santa Cruz as a home place. He is also a member of the Knights of Maccabees.

N. GEORGE NIELSEN.

N. George Nielsen, the assistant cashier and trust officer of the Bank of Italy, is a man of influence in both financial and commercial circles at Monterey. A native of California, he was born at a farm in the Salinas valley, October 9, 1888, the son of Hans and Christine (Gregersen) Nielsen. The father, a native of Denmark, born in 1857, served in the Danish army and in 1881 came to the United States. He made his way westward, spent three years in Illinois and then journeyed by wagon for eight hundred miles to Nebraska. Six months later he resumed his journeyings, starting for California, where until 1907, he carried on farming on shares, and for eighteen years he was associated with T. J. Fields in agricultural ventures. In 1907 he purchased six hundred and forty acres in the Salinas valley and on October 24, 1886, he married Christine Gregersen and they became the parents of seven children.

N. George Nielsen who is the eldest of this family, attended the rural schools and later was graduated from Heald's Business College at Santa Cruz as a member of the class of '08. He had previously learned the blacksmith's trade through which means he was able to earn enough to continue his studies. Having finished the prescribed commercial course, he was fortunate in receiving a very complimentary offer to join the staff of the Bank of Italy, or rather the Bank of Monterey, as assistant bookkeeper and utility clerk. In 1918 he was promoted to the position of assistant cashier and in 1922 to cashier, while later he was made assistant manager of the Monterey Savings Bank. When this institution was absorbed by the Bank of Italy, with its vast resources and powerful connections, Mr. Nielsen was appointed to his present post, to the satisfaction of a wide circle of patrons.

At Stockton, Mr. Nielsen and Miss Vera Allington of that city were joined in wedlock; and they now have one child, Muriel Elaine. Mr. Nielsen is fond of fraternal life, and belongs to the American Order of Foresters of Soledad and to the Monterey Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West. He is likewise a member of the Rotary Club, and in politics he is a republican.

CHARLES E. McSHERRY.

Among the young men of Watsonville who hold a strong position in the esteem of its residents is Charles E. McSherry, who has spent the greater part of his life in this city, making the most of his opportunities, and is now engaged in the insurance business. He was born July 1, 1893, in Murray county, Minnesota, a son of Charles and Catherine McSherry, and was ten years old when the family came to Watsonville.

Here he attended Moreland Notre Dame Academy and the public schools and later was a student at the Santa Clara University. After leaving that institution he became city editor of the Watsonville Daily Register, filling that position for four years, and when the United States became involved in the World war Mr. McSherry's patriotic spirit prompted him to offer his aid to his country. In the summer of 1917 he enlisted in the aviation service and in January, 1918, was commissioned a lieutenant. He was sent to various aviation centers in the United States and was stationed for some time at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas, and at Newport News, Virginia. After receiving his honorable discharge Mr. McSherry returned to Watsonville and embarked in the insurance business. In 1922 he formed a partnership with E. P. Pfingst, who became the senior member of the firm, and this relationship has since been continued. The business is prospering as a result of their united efforts, the thorough reliability of the firm being one of the strongest points in its favor.

In 1918 Mr. McSherry married Miss Gladys Tuttle, a native of Watsonville and a daughter of M. B. Tuttle. To this union have been born two sons, Robert and James. Mr. McSherry is a member of E. H. Lorenson Post, No. 121, of the American Legion at Watsonville, and takes a keen interest in its activities. He has been its commander, was adjutant for four years and is now serving on the executive committee. He belongs to Watsonville Lodge, No. 1300, of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and is also a member of the local council of the Knights of Columbus. He is affiliated with the Catholic church and closely conforms his life to its teachings. Mr. McSherry is an enterprising young business man, well able to cope with conditions in the modern commercial world, and every step he has made toward a successful career has been in the right direction.

PETER PASQUALE ANTONELLI.

The late Peter Pasquale Antonelli whose memory is still held sacred by all who knew him, irrespective of race or creed, was born in Italy in May, 1854, and there educated under the excellent system for which Italy is famous. While still a young man he came to America, and fortunately for many besides himself he came direct to California. For a time he worked in the lime kiln at Cowell, but in 1890 began business for himself. At Santa Cruz he opened the Tuscano Hotel, which he conducted, as one of the best hostelries of its kind in this section, until his death, which occurred in 1910. Mr. Antonelli's peculiar fitness for catering to the wants and wishes of others enabled him to succeed in furnishing and successfully managing an inn that so appealed to its many guests that to stop there once was an invitation, not to be lightly dismissed, to come again.

Mr. Antonelli was married in Santa Cruz to Miss Maria Garventa, a native of Italy, and she proved the greatest possible aid and inspiration to him in his ambitious and rather arduous undertaking. Since her husband's death she has managed the hotel at 27 Front street, and it is still justly regarded as one of the oldest places in high standing. It has twenty-five rooms, and a large dining room, and its atmosphere is homelike, the service is unexcelled, and the guests are made to fell at ease and rest in comfort. Mrs. Antonelli has been in this sction for about fifty years, and she very naturally feels a keen interest in Santa Cruz town and county. In matters of national political import she is a republican, and she is a member of the Druids, to which order her husband also belonged.

HARRY G. WALKER.

From early boyhood Harry G. Walker has given evidence of those sterling traits of industry and perseverance which in the long run spell success, and the years have chronicled his continuous progress, bringing him to the important position of superintendent of the school buildings of Watsonville. He was born August 7, 1871, in Hayward, Alameda county, California, and represents one of the pioneer families of

the state. His parents were Elijah H. and Emma (Weilbye) Walker, the former a native of the state of Indiana and the latter of New York city. The father made the journey to the Pacific coast in 1852, taking the Panama route, and the mother came to this state in 1853 as a passenger in a sailing vessel which made the voyage around Cape Horn. In the early days Elijah H. Walker spent some time in prospecting for gold, and he also engaged in teaming to the mines, hauling supplies from Sacramento, California, to Salt Lake City, Utah. In 1878 he moved to Watsonville and before the advent of the railroad in this section of the country did a good business in teaming through the Santa Cruz mountains. He transported lumber to the town of Santa Cruz for shipment by water and subsequently turned his attention to the cultivation of the soil. When he arrived in Alameda county, Oakland was a small town and he lived to witness remarkable changes as the work of development and civilization was carried forward, passing away in 1909. Three sons and one daughter were born to him: Harry G.; Merrill W., sealer of weights and measures for Santa Cruz county; Clarence and Anna, who died at the age of fourteen.

Mr. Walker received his early instruction in the San Andreas and Springfield school districts of the Pajaro valley and also attended the public schools of Watsonville. He first worked for the Wells Fargo Express Company and later was connected with the teaming and draying business. For twenty years he was employed in planing mills, and he also followed the trade of a carpenter, aiding in building the Watsonville high school, the Catholic church, the Foresters Hall and many residences in this part of the valley. He developed expert skill at his trade and for the past twenty years has been secretary of the local Carpenters Union. It has eighty-five members, and his long retention in the office is proof of the quality of service which he is rendering to the organization. In February, 1923, Mr. Walker was appointed superintendent of the buildings and grounds of the ten schoolhouses in Watsonville, and his efficient work in this connection is prompted by a public-spirited devotion to the general welfare. Eighteen of the high school boys and girls act as his assistants, working after school, and they are paid forty cents an hour. This system has been found very effective, and excellent results have been obtained.

In 1905 Mr. Walker married Miss Mary Harper, who was born on the Shetland islands and was reared in California. The children of this union are Mae and Helen, both high school students. Mr. Walker is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Pajaro Lodge, No. 90, and is also a member of Watsonville Parlor, No. 65, Native Sons of the Golden West. He stands high in his community, and his energy, ability and fidelity to duty are amply illustrated in his career.

HOWARD V. TRAFTON.

Highly honored with the fullest confidence and highest esteem of his fellow citizens, Howard V. Trafton, the efficient and popular sheriff of Santa Cruz county, finds it much easier to discharge his duty, to maintain law and order, and to promote those conditions making so materially and unmistakably for residential desirability in a locality. A native of the Golden state, all his life familiar with California conditions, Mr. Trafton was born June 11, 1871, the son of George A. and Mallisa (Marthis) Trafton. The father was a sturdy pioneer who crossed the great plains in early '54, when it was still a matter of hardship to make the journey. The mother came with her parents to this state. They were married in 1858 at Sacramento, and are both living in comfort and the enjoyment of life today at Watsonville. For a while the father was a merchant, dealing in general merchandise, and after that he handled feed and later still he was in business with his son, William. In October, 1924, he was ninety years of age and had been married sixty-six years, while his wife had reached her eightieth year.

Howard V. Trafton, in the enjoyment of an attractive home such as made a vast difference to a boy in those days, attended the public schools of Watsonville, and at the age of sixteen went to work on a ranch. Later he learned the trade of a stationary engineer, at Watsonville, and this he followed for thirteen years. At the same time he was connected with the Watsonville fire department as an engineer for

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eight years, and then, in April, 1902, he was elected chief of police. The following November, he was elected sheriff of Santa Cruz county, and now he is serving his sixth term of four years each. He is a Native Son of the Golden West.

In November, 1898, Mr. Trafton was married to Miss Rose Valdez, a member of an old pioneer family and the granddaughter of a pioneer, John Price, who came to California in 1834, and their union has been blessed with two sons: Frank, who is connected with the express company and was in the United States navy, on the Atlantic, during the World war; and Chester, who is with the Southern Pacific Company in San Francisco. One grandchild gives pleasure to all.

Sheriff Trafton belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a Knight Templar Mason. As might be surmised concerning one of his physical vigor, he is fond of outdoor life, and that means that he is appreciative of all the natural attractions of the shire in which he lives and moves, and eager to advance Santa Cruz county to the day when it shall come to its own.

WILLIAM JENSEN.

Among the many substantial farmers and fruit growers of Danish stock throughout this region, few have a wider acquaintance than William Jensen, proprietor of a fine fruit ranch in the Corralitos neighborhood in Santa Cruz county, and an apple packer and shipper who has made quite a gratifying success of his operations along that line. He is a native of the Kingdom of Denmark, born February 27, 1868, and is a son of William and Marie Jensen, both also natives of that country and long since deceased, the former passing away in 1887.

William Jensen was reared on a small farm in his native country and there was familiarized with the details of such intensive farming as is characteristic of the operations of the Danish agriculturist, to whom every foot of land must give a proper account of itself. He was nineteen years of age when his father died, and in the following year, when twenty years of age, he came to this country and proceeded on out into California, taking employment on farms in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties, and has ever since been associated with agricultural operations hereabout—a period of nearly forty years. In 1913 Mr. Jensen bought the place of fifty-four acres on which he is now living in Corralitos, and has developed there a very fine apple orchard, the quality of the products of his trees commanding a high market. Mr. Jensen also operates the apple packing plant formerly owned by Harry Davis, and buys, packs and ships apples and other fruits, a detail of his operations which he has developed to very successful proportions, his sons being associated with him in the business.

In 1899 William Jensen was united in marriage to Miss Bodel Anderson, who also was born in the Kingdom of Denmark, and to this union four children have been born: Albert, Edgar, Edna and Earl. The two elder sons, Albert and Edgar, have a partnership interest in the fruit business with their father and are active factors in that business. William Jensen is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and takes a warm interest in the affairs of that organization.

JAMES H. KING.

James H. King is a retired contractor of 206 Nineteenth street, Pacific Grove. He comes from the Empire state, born in Chautauqua county, New York, near where the famous "Chautauqua" educational movement was launched, on June 4. 1847. On August 4, 1863, when his country needed his services, he enlisted in defense of the Union although but sixteen years of age, joining the navy, and received an honorable discharge in 1865. He was with Admiral Farragut, of "Damn the torpedoes—go ahead!" fame, at the Battle of Mobile Bay, and that was glory enough for any man in one life time. He also took part in battles and skirmishes near Nashville, Tennessee,

and South Bend, Mississippi, and as a marine on shore, he contributed to the success of several engagements.

After the war Mr. King returned to the home farm where he had been reared, and courageously took up the work of seeking to restore the old, prosperous and happy state of things. In 1870 he moved west to Cleveland, Ohio, where he remained for thirty-one years. He first worked for John Matteson, building contractor, and for a time was agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. In 1880 entered business for himself as a building contractor and erected the Methodist church, at a cost of thirty-six thousand dollars; the Episcopal church, at a cost of seventeen thousand dollars; the Shaber & Beach picture-frame factory, at a cost of one hundred and twelve thousand dollars, and many fine homes in Cleveland.

Coming to Pacific Grove in October, 1904, Mr. King followed building contracting up to the time of his retirement. The quality of his workmanship and of the materials he always supplied was such that on many of the houses he erected fifteen or twenty years ago, the original shingles may still be seen in practically as good condition as when put on. He erected the Smith bungalows, the Ball residence and the Snyder home, all at Pacific Grove, as well as many others in the county.

Mr. King was married to Miss Lucy Frink, a native of Hinkley township, Madina county, New York, and they have two children: Frank I., who is married and has two children; and a daughter, Dora E. Mr. King is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, belonging to Francis Fairchild Post, of Pacific Grove. In days of peace he has ever been as loyal to his country as when he followed the nation's starry banner to the south.

JAMES F. POLLARD.

An experienced, influential executive, whose broad, up-to-date views and methods have contributed much toward the success of the important interests he represents is James F. Pollard, the manager and vice president of the Coast Valleys Gas & Electric Company at Salinas. A native of Missouri, he was born August 5, 1889, and was sent to the excellent grammar school at Kansas City, where he got such a good start that when he went to Los Angeles, California, in 1902, he was able to make an excellent showing at the Los Angeles high school. He was graduated from the University of California as a member of the class of '12, when he was declared to be an electrical engineer and was given the Bachelor of Science degree.

While attending the high school and the University he was associated with the Santa Fe Railroad, working as a chainman with the surveyors. After leaving the academic halls in 1912, he became associated with the Pacific Gas & Electric Company, in the drum division in Placer county, putting in three years in construction and operating work. He also did some surveying and was an operator in the power house. On April 15, 1915, he became assistant engineer in the electrical department of the California state railroad commission, at San Francisco, and in February, 1918 was appointed commercial manager for the Sierra and San Francisco Power Company at San Francisco. Resigning that position, he became assistant to the president of the Coast Valleys Gas & Electric Company, at Salinas, in April, 1920, and on the 1st of January, 1922, was elected vice president and manager of the company.

The Coast Valleys Gas & Electric Company was incorporated under the laws of California March 18, 1912, and is the prosperous successor of a number of public utility corporations operating in Monterey county. The first in point of time was the Salinas City Gas & Water Company, which was incorporated May 4, 1875, for the purpose of supplying gas and water within the city limits of Salinas, and its activities were extended to include the distribution of electricity, beginning October 1, 1888. This business was reorganized in 1896 under the name of the Salinas Water, Light & Power Company, and the latter's property interests were purchased on October 10, 1903, by the Monterey Gas & Electric Company. That concern had, already, on September 1, 1902, acquired the properties of the Monterey Electric Light & Development Company, and on June 25, of the same year, had purchased all of the stock of the Monterey & Pacific Grove Railroads. The combined properties were reorganized in the latter part of 1903, under the name of the Monterey County Gas & Electric Com-

pany, the actual transfer taking place on October 10. In November, 1911, the water system in the city of Salinas was separated from the rest of the properties owned by the Monterey County Gas & Electric Company, and was operated thereafter as the Salinas Valley Water Company, while at the same time, the other holdings of the Monterey County Gas & Electric Company were transferred to the California Consolidated Light & Power Company, a corporation formed July 7, 1911, for that special purpose. In March, 1912, the Coast Valleys Gas & Electric Company was incorporated, taking over the properties of both the Salinas Valley Water Company and the California Consolidated Light & Power Company, and in May of the same year acquired the properties of the King City Water, Light & Power Company, a utility that had been serving that locality since October, 1908. In 1923 the property was purchased by the Byllesby Engineering & Management Corporation, and that concern is now operating the same, being active as an operator in thirty-eight counties in seventeen states.

At Berkeley, California, January 8, 1913, Mr. Pollard was married to Miss Marie Ethel Hitchcock, of Tulare, a descendant of pioneers famous for their association with the Golden State, her grandfather having been prominent in the early history of Monterey, and her parents both seeing the light first in California. They became parents of four children: John H., a lad of eleven, being the eldest; and the others, Margaret L., a girl of nine; Dorothy L., her sister of seven, and little four-year-old Jean Elizabeth, being the youngest of the circle. Mr. Pollard belongs to Lodge No. 614, B. P. O. E., Salinas, and it is safe to say that there is no more popular member.

GEORGE A. MORGAN.

George A. Morgan, a real estate and insurance broker particularly experienced in the intricacies of automobile finance, is the genial junior member of the firm of Town & Morgan, doing business on Walnut street, Santa Cruz. He was born in San Francisco, September 15, 1883, the son of Alfred and Margaret Elizabeth Morgan. The father was an Englishman by birth who came to New York in 1863 and in the latter part of the '60s moved to San Francisco, where he opened a men's furnishing store on Montgomery street. This proved a popular resort for those who were fastidious as to their apparel, and he continued to conduct it until he retired from business activity. He is now one of the few remaining merchants of early San Francisco.

George A. Morgan attended private schools in San Francisco and then pursued two year's work at the high school in that city. In 1899 he entered his father's store, and on the latter's retirement, he and a cousin took over the business in which they continued until 1906, when, through the earthquake and fire, they lost all that they had. Mr. Morgan then engaged in fruit growing at Hanford in the San Joaquin valley until coming to Santa Cruz in 1913, after which he was in the automobile business for five years. In 1923 he joined forces with Mr. Towne, and they have built up an enviable patronage, handling real estate, dealing in insurance, and negotiating automobile paper. Naturally, he is a live wire in the Chamber of Commerce.

In 1908, Mr. Morgan was married to Miss Grace G. Sargent, a native daughter of California, and they have three children, Alfred Robert, Elizabeth and Stella. He is a Knight Templar Mason and also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias. In national political affairs, he prefers the platforms of the "Grand Old Party." He is fond of baseball and other outdoor sports, and with his partner boasts of a host of friends.

EDWARD J. BURNS.

Edward J. Burns, more familiarly known as Eddie Burns, is an enterprising dealer in men's clothing and furnishings at Monterey. He was born in San Francisco, October 31, 1887, and is proud of the fact that his parents were Edward and Louisa (Schaufele) Burns, the former also a native of the Bay City, while the latter was

reared in Monterey and thus became practically a native daughter. Both of these worthy folks, who did their duty fully in trying to make the world better, are now deceased, having rounded out their allotted days in honor, enjoying the esteem of their fellowmen.

Eddie Burns attended St. Mary's College in San Francisco and after pursuing the excellent engineering course there was duly graduated in 1907, subsequently to which time he followed engineering as a profession for two years. As a boy, he had shown extraordinary ability as a ballplayer, starting like many of those who afterward excelled in the national sport—on the sand-lots—and developing his skill in college, so that when he was able to do so he took up professional playing. He joined the Philadelphia National Baseball Club and was a foremost member of that long popular organization for seven years, having the extreme satisfaction of having been catcher during the only period when the club played in the world championship.

In 1919 Mr. Burns came back to Monterey, where he had spent much time as a boy, and with B. Druck embarked in the business in which he is now engaged. Mr. Druck died, however, in 1921, and then Mr. Burns became sole proprietor. He has since conducted the store in a most progressive and businesslike way, attended with gratifying results.

Mr. Burns was united in marriage to Miss Viola La Porte, a lady of grace and charm, the daughter of Jean Marie La Porte, and a representative of one of the finest old families, her father having lived in Monterey seventy years before his death. Three children have been born to them: Edward, John and Carmelita. Mr. Burns is a Knight of Columbus of the fourth degree and also is an Elk. He belongs to the Rotary Club and in national political affairs remains decidely a man above petty party restraints. He is fond of out-of-door sports, and what he cannot do on either a hunting or fishing trip, is not worth talking about.

THOMAS WALKER.

The death of a man of fine character, marked business ability and pronounced public spirit always causes a distinct loss to his community. Such a man was Thomas Walker, who wrought himself firmly into the texture of the financial, social and civic life of Watsonville, to which he came in pioneer times, and in the upbuilding and improvement of this district he bore an important part, leaving behind him not only the memory of a well spent life but also an untarnished name.

Mr. Walker was a native of Greenbush, New York, where he was born June 3, 1818, and in the eastern metropolis he learned the carpenter's trade. Early in the '50s he responded to the call of the west and made the long and arduous journey to California. He located in Watsonville, casting in his lot with its early setlers, and was first employed at his trade. He wisely invested his savings in real estate, becoming the owner of much valuable property in the city, and also purchased a seventy-five acre ranch in the valley. About 1865 he built a substantial house on Main street and in this home his widow resided for many years, recently selling the property. In later life Mr. Walker turned his attention to financial affairs and in 1874 aided in organizing the Bank of Watsonville, serving on the board of directors and also as a member of the finance committee. He was connected with the bank until his death, October 23, 1886. His associates had the utmost confidence in his judgment and integrity and his constructive labors were essential to the upbuilding and success of that institution. He was a member of the first board of trustees of Watsonville and in all of his activities the welfare and advancement of his city and the increase of its prestige was his motive and inspiration. He possessed that high sense of honor which is the vital essence of the gentleman and long acquaintance with him meant stronger friendship, for his life in its various phases stood the test of intimate knowledge and close association.

Mr. Walker's twin brother, James Walker, came to California in later years. He was a talented artist and became widely known as a painter of landscapes, receiving large prices for his work. During the Civil war he made a visit to Washington, D. C.,

and from personal observation painted a picture of one of the memorable battles of that conflict.

On December 12, 1860, Thomas Walker was united in marriage to Miss Maria Jane Cronk who was born in Ohio. Her parents were Joseph and Mary (Shields) Cronk, the latter a native of Ohio. The former was born in Pennsylvania and came of German stock. Early in the '50s Mr. and Mrs. Cronk started across the plains with their family of three small children, making the long and arduous journey in a wagon drawn by oxen, and two months after their arrival in California both parents passed away. Mrs. Walker was eleven years old when the family came to the Pacific coast and many incidents of the trip are vividly impressed upon her mind. She aided in driving the team of oxen and the Indians whom they met along the route were all of a friendly nature. After the death of her parents she was cared for by a Mr. and Mrs. Sanborn, who had emigrated from Maine to California, and remained in their home until the time of her marriage. She was a pupil in the first school established at Watsonville and has long been a faithful adherent of the Methodist church of this city, which she still attends twice each Sunday. In her younger days she was the possessor of a sweet voice and was the leader of the church choir, in which she sang for many years. She has a deeply religious nature and her life has been filled with good deeds. Mrs. Walker has a keen sense of humor, a retentive memory and her conversation spans the past in interesting reminiscences. She retains the spirit of youth and her physical and mental powers are well preserved. She is the only surviving member of the Cronk family. There were two sons born to Mr. and Mrs. Walker: James F. and Thomas, both deceased.

CHESTER J. RAYMOND.

Chester J. Raymond, building contractor of Pacific Grove, has played an enviable part both in the material and the artistic development of the community in which he lives. He was born at Livermore, Alameda county, California, October 19, 1884, a son of G. W. and Mary E. (Moore) Raymond, the former a native of Boston and the latter of Sonoma county, California. Mr. Raymond, who is now comfortably retired, was once well known in the Pacific Grove section of Monterey county as an expert brick mason, having plied his trade busily in this section for thirty years. Mrs. Raymond, who was a descendant of an honored pioneer family of Sonoma county, and enjoyed the high esteem of many friends died when her son Chester was a young lad.

When Chester Raymond was ready to start out in the business life, he learned the carpenter trade under Mahony Brothers, and also with the Alpha Building and Construction Company active at San Francisco before the fire. He took readily to the details and problems of the handicraft, and it was not long before he was showing others the methods he had himself learned, having been made a superintendent of construction. Shortly before the earthquake and fire at San Francisco, he had started the construction of the large Cornelia Apartment House on O'Farrell street, near Leavenworth, but the elements leveled it. After the debris had been cleared away, he started work again, and completed what was originally intended—possibly one of the few such cases in the reconstruction of the city. Today the Cornelia is one of the largest apartment houses in San Francisco. After the fire, too, he was assistant superintendent of construction of the temporary Palace Hotel building on Market street, and he also had charge of the temporary Emporium Building, and many other large structures there. Going to San Jose, he was superintendent of construction for Morrison Brothers, in the erection of the Elks building, the Y. M. C. A. building, the Willard Battery Station and others.

Mr. Raymond's recent work in Pacific Grove as superintendent of construction for Lee Godfrey and Murphy, the contractors, both of Carmel, has merited and received flattering comment. He has built for them many of the fine houses at Carmel and Pebble Beach, including the Ritchie residence at the latter place, and he superintended the construction of the new Holman department store at Pacific Grove—a reenforced concrete edifice of four stories, one of the best in California. He is now established in business for himself and it is clear that if he could have been so suc-

cessful when working under the orders of other people, he can now render a better and larger service to those particular about securing an experienced man of enterprise. Mr. Raymond is a member of the Junior Order of Mechanics and there, as everywhere, "ready to do his bit."

On February 17, 1906, Mr. Raymond was married to Miss Maude M. Lundin, a native daughter of California born in Santa Clara county. They have two children: Paul, in his fifteenth year, and Mildred, now twelve years of age.

EARL H. AMOS.

A manager of experience in the theatrical field, who has done much to give Santa Cruz the best of dramatic advantages, is Earl H. Amos, the wide-awake progressive director of the New Santa Cruz Theater. He was born at Tecumseh, Oklahoma, August 29, 1893, the son of L. J. and Effie (Beams) Amos, who removed to Los Angeles in 1904. Father and son started the Amos News Company there. Both parents are still living, now honored residents of Mountain View, Santa Clara county.

Earl H. Amos attended the schools of Los Angeles, studied at home, and took a business course, after which he followed a stage career. At first he played with George Monroe in the Midnight Sun and appeared in practically every city in the United States and Canada during a period of twelve years. He was next with the Rialto Theater, as house manager. After that he joined the New Mission Theater at San Francisco, where he remained for three years, going from there to the New Fillmore, where he was manager for nine months. He returned to the Mission Theater for three years, and in May, 1924, came to the New Santa Cruz Theater as the manager. He is devoted to his work, but this does not interfere with his devotion to Santa Cruz and county. He is fond of outdoor sports and especially of the vigorous American game of baseball.

Mr. Amos was married July 30, 1919, to Miss Helen Louise Brunelle, of Boston, who had also been on the stage and continued to travel with her husband after they were married. Three children have been born of this union: Earl H., Jr., Stanley Luther and Fredston. Mr. Ames belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the Exchange Club, and in politics he is independent.

ALBERT W. FILES.

A widely-experienced and very successful real estate and insurance broker is Albert W. Files, of Monterey, whose business extends throughout the county as well as in the historic old town. He was born at Bangor, Maine, August 11, 1867, a son of Joseph P. and Nellie (Roberts) Files. His father was a contractor and builder, a worthy representative of a long line of American ancestors dating back to remote 1658, when they settled at Cape Cod; and our subject's forefathers took a very active and honorable part in the American Revolution.

Albert W. Files pursued his education in the schools of his home town and when he had put aside his textbooks devoted several years to assisting his father. He then sought to supplement his practical knowledge by a thorough business course at Portland, Maine, and when this was finished he engaged in the carpet and upholstering business, being manager and buyer for a well known concern for a number of years. For five years, also, he conducted a five and ten cent store in Spokane, Washington.

In 1912 Mr. Files transferred his activities to Monterey where he established and conducted a novelty store for six years, meeting with success and popularity from the beginning. On selling out, he took up his present line—real estate and insurance—in which he has been very prosperous, for the simple reason that he has mastered its every detail, and has never failed to study the wants of his patrons and to serve them most conscientiously. He is now president of the Monterey Chamber of Commerce, and also of the Monterey Improvement Club, and he gives much of his time to civic advancement. In national politics he is a republican and fraternally is an Elk.

Mr. Files married Miss Sadie E. Lufkin, an accomplished lady of Boston, and they have had two sons. Albert Clifton served as a soldier on the Mexican border and later in the World war; while Earl Lufkin received military training at Leland Stanford. He is now a civil engineer in Los Angeles.

GEORGE W. LANGFORD.

An experienced, successful automobile dealer widely and favorably known throughout, and even beyond the confines of Monterey county, is George W. Langford, the enterprising representative of the popular Oakland car, at Monterey. He was born on a farm in San Joaquin county on December 20, 1871, the son of B. F. and Catherine Langford, and grew up to hear his father tell of the pioneer days of 1850, when he came out to California by way of the Isthmus. For a while he tried his luck at mining and then he took up farming, which he followed until his death. Mrs. Langford is still living.

George Langford dropped into the country schools of his boyhood pretty regularly to hear what the teacher had to say, and incidentally to let the teacher know just what he knew, and meanwhile, like a devoted son having a live interest in the welfare of the home, he helped with the work on the farm and was on hand when anything needed to be done. After leaving home, however, he crossed the country to San Francisco, and for seven years he was engaged in the automobile business there with several firms. This gave him the best of opportunities to learn the business from many angles and when he came to Monterey, in June, 1922, he was able to start a first-class, if modestly equipped repair shop, which he gradually enlarged, so that now he has a fine showroom and carries a good stock of accessories, while in his shop he employs five mechanics.

In politics a republican, Mr. Langford heartily endorses all legislation tending to promote and to protect industry.

Fraternally he is equally active and popular. He is a Knight Templar Mason and a Shriner and he also belongs to the Elks. Wherever and whenever he can, he lends a hand to make each day, for the largest number of persons with whom he comes into contact, better than any previous day recorded in this strange old world of ours, believing decidedly in the doctrine of the brotherhood of men.

JOSEPH ROADHOUSE.

Everything forceful and vital in the word pioneer finds its example in the life record of Joseph Roadhouse, who braved the dangers of the unknown west and was one of the first to penetrate into the wilds of California, blazing the trails for the oncoming thousands. He aided in bringing to light the wonderful resources of the Pajaro valley and was numbered among its foremost agriculturists and stock raisers. As a citizen he was universally esteemed—an honor to his own generation and an example to the generations that are to follow.

Mr. Roadhouse was a native of England. He was born in Yorkshire and came to the United States in his youth. In 1849 he started for California with a party of emigrants, who chose him as captain of their train. He made the journey with a horse and buggy, being accompanied by his wife and infant sons: George W., now deceased, and John J.; and brought with him a band of horses. Mr. Roadhouse first located in Stockton and there opened a hotel which became the headquarters for the prospectors going to and from the mines in the mother lode district of California. In 1853 he moved to what was then Monterey county, settling on a farm in the Springfield district of the Pajaro valley. He prospered in his undertaking and gradually increased his holdings until he at length became the owner of one thousand acres of land, on which he engaged in raising horses, cattle and other stock, also operating a dairy. He brought to his occupation keen intelligence as well as a progressive spirit, and by

systematic work and unabating energy converted his private enterprise into a public asset.

Mr. Roadhouse was married in Wisconsin to Charlotte Elizabeth Norriss, a native of London, England, and their union was severed by his death in 1871, at the age of fifty-five years. For many years his widow successfully operated the ranch and her demise occurred at the ripe age of eighty-three years. Mr. Roadhouse had the welfare of his community deeply at heart and was ever ready to further any plan for its improvement. He stood firmly for right and justice and was a member of the Vigilantes committee that succeeded in clearing the district of cattle thieves and other desperadoes. When only slightly beyond the meridian of life he was removed from his sphere of usefulness. His integrity of character, unselfish nature and marked public spirit won for him a secure place in the regard of all who knew him.

The son, George W. Roadhouse, served for eleven terms as justice of the peace of Monterey county, of which he also acted as county recorder. He lived in Salinas but is now deceased. The surviving children are John J. Roadhouse, of Berkeley, California; and Mrs. Charlotte R. Harding and Mrs. Sarah Lily Palntag, residents of Watsonville. The last named was the second white child born in Pajaro valley. The son, John J. Roadhouse, was born in Wisconsin and is a graduate of the Heald Business College in San Francisco. He owns a portion of the old Roadhouse ranch in the Pajaro valley and also has a fruit orchard near Selma, in Fresno county, California. His son, Dr. Chester L. Roadhouse, now a veterinary surgeon, is a graduate of the Cornell university, and is in charge of the agricultural school at Davis, California. Mrs. Harding has been married twice. Her first husband was J. L. Bruce, a native of Scotland. By that union she has a son, Robert J. Bruce, a prominent building contractor living in King City, Monterey county. He has a wife and three children and along fraternal lines he is identified with the Masonic order. The second marriage of Charlotte (Roadhouse) Bruce was with Marion L. Harding, a first cousin of the late President Harding, and to this union has been born a daughter, Marion. She is now the wife of R. C. Bowlby, of Carlsbad, San Diego county, California, and they have two sons, Ellsworth and Chester.

M. CLINTON MASON.

Among the names of those who in recent years have taken an active and influential part in the development of the general commercial and industrial interests of this region, that of M. Clinton Mason, capitalist and landowner and a retired manufacturer and contractor now living on the old White place at Watsonville, occupies a prominent place, for since taking up his residence here Mr. Mason has been actively interested in many ways in pushing the general development of this fair region, a place which he found so much to his liking on the occasion of a commercial visit here fifteen years ago that he decided to make it a place of permanent residence.

M. Clinton Mason was born at Carthage, New York, and is a son of M. P. and Harriet (Angell) Mason, both members of old colonial families in America and both now deceased. Thomas Mason, the American progenitor of this line of Masons, came to this country from England in 1652 and settled at Dedham, Massachusetts, and his descendants in the present generation form a very numerous connection, represented in widely separated sections of the country. Clinton Mason's mother was of that family of Angells which has made its impress in various representative ways and in a quite definite fashion upon the social and cultural life of the country and this family is also of the early colonial stock. Two of her great-grandfathers, Colonel Ephraim Wheelock and John Pardee rendered conspicuous service in the Continental army during the Revolutionary war. The Pardees are of one of the Huguenot families that sought refuge on this side of the Atlantic following the revocation of the edict of Nantes in 1685, and this family also is widely represented throughout the country. M. P. Mason died in 1909, and his wife in 1911. He had long been engaged in woolen manufacturing at Hagamans Mills, New York, following there a line that had been established by his father, and he also

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operated lumber mills but his chief industry was the manufacture of woolen goods. He had large timber holdings in the west.

M. Clinton Mason, who is the only child of his parents who grew to maturity, completed his schooling in Williams College at Williamstown, Massachusetts, and in 1904 was graduated from that institution. He was for some time interested with his father in the latter's manufacturing enterprises and then engaged in business as a building contractor. In 1907 in Connecticut he erected what is believed to have been the first large reinforced concrete factory building erected in the United States, a five-story structure, three hundred feet by sixty feet in ground dimension, built for the Hockanum Mills Company, which about that time was extending its operations. Five different woolen plants were absorbed by this company and Mr. Mason was made purchasing agent for the same, a position he occupied until he took up his residence in California. It was in 1911, while touring this state in behalf of his company, that Mr. Mason became so greatly attracted to Santa Cruz county that he decided to take up his residence here. With that end in view he bought the old White place of three hundred and sixty-two acres at Watsonville and has since made it his home, carrying on general ranch operations and also looking after his extensive financial interests, these including considerable real estate in Los Angeles and elsewhere. The place now owned and occupied by Mr. Mason is the establishment founded at Watsonville in pioneer days by William F. White, father of former United States Senator Stephen F. White of California. For three years beginning in 1914 Mr. Mason was engaged quite extensively in the rice business at San Francisco. When this country took a hand in the World war in 1917 he bought a thousand-ton vessel and entered the coastwise shipping business, handling government contracts in coffee and lumber in the traffic between San Francisco and Mexican ports. He is now vice president of Jones Brothers and Company, Inc., manufacturers of vinegar and apple products.

In 1920, at San Francisco, Mr. Mason was united in marriage to Mrs. Georgia Steirly, of that city. They have a very pleasant home at Watsonville and take a proper interest in the general social and cultural activities of the community, Mrs. Mason being one of the active members of the Woman's Club of that city. Mr. Mason is a member of the Masonic fraternity and is also affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at Watsonville and with the Bohemian Club of San Francisco. He has for years been deeply interested in rare editions of books and has come to be recognized as one of the leading collectors in California, his library containing many valuable old books as well as manuscripts carrying the signatures of many of the world's greatest personages. Mr. Mason has been an extensive traveler not only throughout this country but abroad and has made several European trips.

SUNDAY FARAOLA.

Sunday Faraola, an enterprising business man whose progressive methods and reliable standards have made him a dependable factor in industrial and financial circles, is the genial and accommodating manager of the Western California Fish Company, with their conveniently located offices on the City Wharf, at 74 Washington street, Santa Cruz. He was born in this city, April 6, 1873, and his parents were Dominic and Bessie (Herman) Faraola. The father came to Santa Cruz in the year that California was admitted to the Union, and with A. Palidini and T. Simmons was a pioneer among the first foreign fishermen on this coast. At first they had to fish from rowboats, but before Mr. Faraola died, in 1877, he saw a newer era, when fishing was far less a hardship, if also less a sport. Mrs. Faraola, the devoted wife and mother, is still living at the age of seventy-one years, an interesting representative of an old family, once owners of a great Spanish grant.

Sunday Faraola attended the Santa Cruz public schools, and at the age of eighteen entered the service of the H. Cowle Company, doing a lime and cement business at Santa Cruz. He remained with them for eighteen years and then joined his brother, John Faraola, in handling fish both at retail and wholesale. They did

a thriving trade together for several years, both being favorites. After their partnership was dissolved, Sunday Faraola continued with the Western California Fish Company that took over their fish trade, and became the local manager for the concern.

On the 4th of April, 1897, Mr. Faraola was married, at Santa Cruz, to Miss Rose Molares, also a native of this city, and a member of another old-time family. Several children were born to them. Percy was a member of the famous Rainbow Division in the World war, and was gassed in France; yet he was fated to die from the effects of an automobile accident after his discharge and return home. His funeral was one of the largest ever held in Santa Cruz, attesting to his own popularity and the high esteem enjoyed by the family. Leland is the only son now living. Mr. Faraola is an Eagle and it is safe to say that his standing in that well known order is enviable.

J. M. BUSSEY.

An important establishment for the progressive motorists of Monterey County desiring the best of apparatus and appliances, and the most dependable service, is that of J. M. Bussey, who is the proprietor of Bussey's Auto Parts Co., at 506-8-10 Lighthouse avenue, Monterey. He hails from the Buckeye State, and that is sufficient to say that good, oldtime methods characterize his business operations and satisfy his many patrons. Indeed, he well represents that important contribution made by the sons of Ohio to the building up of the Golden State, and the more rapid development of her resources and commercial wealth. Mr. Bussey was born in Clarksburg, Ross county, Ohio, February 23, 1874, and is a son of Cornelius and Martha (Roberts) Bussey, the former a member of an old Virginia family, while the latter came from Kentucky.

J. M. Bussey attended the public schools in his home town although, as a mere boy, he was ambitious to work and to earn. Somewhat early, therefore, he was apprenticed to the blacksmith trade, which he followed in various places until he came to Monterey in February, 1906. For the next ten years he presided over the forge here and only gradually, because of the many special demands made upon him for expert service, did he drift into the garage business. Ill health forced him to give up blacksmithing altogether and having acquired several second-hand cars, he set about wrecking these and organized an agency for the sale of the parts. The opportunity to enlarge this enterprise also soon presented itself and in time he erected his fine new business block on Lighthouse avenue, where, besides carrying parts for nearly all makes of cars, he also sells new parts that are generally wanted.

In San Jose, California, Mr. Bussey was married to Miss Lulu Reynolds, a native daughter of Monterey county; they are parents of two promising children, Reynold and Donald Bussey. He belongs to the Elks and the Odd Fellows, and he is also a Knight of Pythias; and it need hardly be said that the talented lady now his life-companion shares with him an enviable popularity in these fraternal circles.

Deeply interested in town, county, state and country and in favor of safeguarding business and industry by wise legislation, Mr. Bussey is a republican but in local political matters, he aims to stand and serve as a man above party. He is an active member of the Monterey Chamber of Commerce and his support of every measure for the public good is assured.

JAMES WATERS.

All honor is due the pioneer settlers of California who braved the hardships, trials and privations of frontier life and planted the seeds of civilization in hitherto undeveloped and remote regions. Of this hardy type of men was James Waters, a "Forty-niner," who became one of the earliest fruit growers of the Pajaro valley and wrote his name large on the pages of Watsonville's history. He was a man of broad vision and keen business sagacity, with a natural kindness of heart which endeared him to

all with whom he was brought in contact, and his death in August, 1911, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret.

Mr. Waters was a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and in his youth served an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, which he followed in San Francisco, California, earning twelve dollars a day. He joined the rush of prospectors to the mines but was unsuccessful in his search for gold and wisely decided to resume work at his trade in San Francisco. In 1855 he came to Santa Cruz county and obtained work in a sawmill in the mountains, subsequently securing employment as a carpenter in Santa Cruz. He arrived in Watsonville in 1860 and purchased a small place east of the town, building a ranch house on his land. The old home is still standing and constitutes one of the interesting landmarks of this region. In 1867 he embarked in the nursery business and from time to time increased his holdings until he became the owner of eighty acres. He was one of the most progressive horticulturists of the county and raised the first strawberries shipped from the Pajaro valley. He was equally successful as a financier and was one of the organizers of the Pajaro Valley Bank of Watsonville, whose destiny he wisely guided for many years, building up an institution that has long rendered valuable service to the residents of this locality. During the early days of his career as an agriculturist his crops were often destroyed by floods but adversity spurred him on to renewed effort and ultimately success rewarded his determination and perseverance. He worked along constructive lines and was rigidly honest in his dealings with his fellowmen, considering his verbal promise as binding as his written word.

On September 9, 1860, Mr. Waters married Miss Malinda J. Short, a native of Illinois, and in point of continuous residence the oldest settler in the valley. Her parents were Stephen and Nancy (Prunty) Short, the former a Virginian and the latter a native of Kentucky. In 1852, with six of their eight children, Mr. and Mrs. Short started across the plains, placing their household goods in wagons, which were drawn by oxen. Mrs. Waters, the youngest of the children, was at that time but ten years old and remembers many interesting incidents connected with the journey to California. Her parents had joined a large party of emigrants and were six months in making the trip to Santa Cruz, which they reached on October 24, 1852. Her father raised a fine crop of wheat on the spot where now stands the lighthouse, which is situated on the point, at Santa Cruz harbor. In 1854 he moved to the Pajaro valley, settling near Watsonville, where he engaged in farming. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Short and two came to California after 1852, but Mrs. Waters is the only living member of her family who located at Santa Cruz in that year. Mr. and Mrs. Waters became the parents of three children: Lola and William, both deceased; and Adele, who resides with her mother.

Mr. Waters was identified with the various branches of Masonry and was one of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was a devoted husband and father, a steadfast friend, and a loyal, public-spirited citizen. In manner he was modest and unassuming, ever avoiding the glare of publicity, and his was a strong and serviceable life that won for him the unqualified respect and admiration of his fellowmen.

REV. W. H. G. BATTERSHILL.

One of the interesting churches of Monterey county is St. Mary's-by-the-Sea, at Pacific Grove, the inspiring leader of which is the Rev. W. H. G. Battershill, a native of picturesque Devon, England.

Rev. Mr. Battershill attended the Priory school at Torquay, Devon, afterward was a student at Cambridge University, and prepared for the ministry at St. John's Theological College in Winnipeg, Manitoba. In England he was engaged in mission work in the parish of East Grinstead, Sussex, and was attached to the mission staffs of Truro and Exeter Cathedrals. Coming to Canada he worked in the dioceses of Ottawa and Algoma, moving to the diocese of New Westminster, to work under the bishop in the city of Vancouver, B. C. where he built two churches. He was a member of the education committee, and council of the Theological College of the University of British Columbia, a lecturer on the prayer book, and also lectured at the Van-

couver Institute of the same University. Despite these significant and flattering associations, Rev. Battershill was attracted to the United States, and especially to California, as perhaps a more hopeful field of labor, and in 1918 settled at Paso Robles, where he left a record of efficient work. In 1919 he came to St. Mary's-by-the-Sea, and is today in point of service the oldest minister at Pacific Grove, having also the honor to be the president of the Ministerial Association of this place.

Rev. Battershill was married to Miss Amy K. M. Burroughs, a native of Ottawa, in the year 1903. Mrs. Battershill is a gifted lady who has entered heartily and effectively into her husband's pastoral labors and studies. Two children have blessed their union; Ollis G. M. and William E. C. Rev. Battershill is a Mason, having joined that ancient order in Canada. Interested in all factors for good and in all agencies for the public welfare, he gives the major part of his time specifically to the upbuilding of his church and his dignity and earnestness in the pulpit, combined with his thoughtful and convincing address, have made his church not only a strong center of worship to his fellow townsmen but also to many of the tourists who visit the Pacific coast.

LOUIS G. BEVERINO.

Louis G. Beverino, the manager of the San Francisco International Fish Company, with headquarters on the Santa Cruz City Wharf, was born in this old seaside town, October 24, 1892, his parents being Luigi and Delphino Casto Beverino. When only thirty-five years of age, the father came to California in 1888, and settled first in San Francisco but later came to Santa Cruz. Previous to his coming to America, he was a seafaring man, sailing on English ships but after settling here he engaged in fishing and so continued until his death. His market on the old Cowles wharf was long one of the Santa Cruz landmarks. He died in June, 1924, highly respected by all who knew him.

Louis G. Beverino was registered at the Santa Cruz public schools, and as a boy worked with his father in the fish market. After five years of this apprenticeship, he decided to open a wholesale fish business for himself, but at the end of six years he sold out to the company he now represents, becoming their local manager, with office on the city wharf. Doubtless Mr. Beverino's own success has led to his appreciation of the locality and his enthusiasm in advancing Santa Cruz interests in every way.

On the 1st of January, 1916, Mr. Beverino was united in marriage to Miss Ernestine Ray Manildi, a native daughter of Santa Cruz and one child has been born to them: Louis George, Jr.

WILLIAM E. SPOON.

William E. Spoon is the proprietor of the well appointed and well conducted Monterey Garage, in the beautiful old historic town of Monterey. He was born near Springfield, Missouri, January 6, 1868, and in 1882 he accompanied his parents to California. His father engaged in dairying and stock-raising in Lassen county and established a comfortable home, the memories of which are ever pleasant to recall. Mr. Spoon died in 1921 but his good wife is still living at Pacific Grove.

William Spoon attended the rural schools of Missouri and California, but even as a boy he was the mainstay of his father in doing the chores around the farm. As he grew older the desire for study absorbed him, and he carried out his ambition for advanced education by attending the Chico Normal School, from which he was duly graduated in 1893. After receiving the coveted diploma he taught school for four years and at the same time served for four years on the county board of education. He also kept books for a creamery while he was teaching and thus he came to learn something about the business, so that when the opportunity presented itself he and his brother bought the creamery. Later still he embarked in the general merchandise business, and continued in that field from 1897 to 1908, when he opened a grocery store at Pacific Grove, which he continued to manage until 1914.

Selling the store, however, he took over the Dodge Motor agency and after a few months was offered the Ford Agency. In this he seems to have found the path to success. He started in a modest way but he has built up a modern plant, the first to greet the motorist on his entering Monterey and he has made the venture a family affair by surrounding himself with near relatives, all interested with him in the prosperous operation of the plant, although even then there are not enough to meet the demands of his expanding business, requiring him to employ twenty-two people. He employs the best mechanics, and carries the most complete line of accessories on the peninsula. With A. J. Mason he also owns the bus line operating between Monterey and Pacific Grove, and employing nine people. Mr. Spoon is likewise one of the promoters and organizers of The Peoples Finance & Thrift Company of Monterey, which is capitalized for seventy-five thousand dollars and of which he is the president.

In 1895 Mr. Spoon married Miss Carrie E. Hoffman, a native of Lassen county, California, and now the center of a circle of devoted friends. Their children are Lucile, wife of E. C. Peterson, the manager of the business; Buela, now Mrs. E. McGowan; and Athelene, wife of Paul Dawson, the high school coach of Sonora. Three grandchildren add to the happiness of Mr. and Mrs. Spoon. A supporter of democratic principles, he is too broad-minded to permit partisan politics to affect his support of all that is best for Monterey and the county, and avails himself of every opportunity to promote the general good.

WILLIAM WHITE.

As one of the pioneer educators of northern California, William White rendered valuable service to his state and although many years have elapsed since his death, his memory is still enshrined in the hearts of those who knew him, for his life was purposeful, active and useful—the expression of high ideals and worthy motives. A native of Massachusetts, he was born February 28, 1837, and received his early instruction in the common schools of Roxbury, that state, continuing his studies in Williams College. After his graduation Mr. White went to the Sandwich Islands, where he was made acting postmaster general, and early in the '60s he arrived in Santa Cruz, California. From that time until his death in 1894 he devoted his talents to the profession of teaching and was numbered among the most able educators of the early days, following the most advanced standards in his work. He taught at Santa Cruz for a time and enjoyed the distinction of being the first teacher in the first building erected for educational purposes in Watsonville. He also taught in the first high school built at San Jose and subsequently became an instructor in the schools of San Francisco. He was painstaking, conscientious and thorough in his work and made friends wherever he went, being always courteous and considerate in his treatment of others. He subordinated all other interests to the demands of his profession, and his connection with social or fraternal organizations was limited to membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. White was twice married and his first wife, Sophia E. Hall, of Honolulu, died at Santa Cruz in 1863, leaving a son, Ed. O., who is still residing in Honolulu. A daughter, born in Honolulu, became the wife of Rev. Frank Palmer, of Boston, Massachusetts, but is now deceased. On April 25, 1870, Mr. White married Miss Arminta E. A. Allison, a daughter of N. B. and Sarah Jane (Clark) Allison, natives of Ohio. Mr. Allison crossed the plains to Calfornia in pioneer days of 1854, becoming the owner of a desirable ranch in the Pajaro valley, and was one of the first men in this section to plant an apple orchard. He reached the advanced age of ninety-three years. His old homestead on the San Juan road is still in possession of the family. Mr. Allison was the first depositor in the Bank of Watsonville, which was established in 1874. Mrs. White was but four years old when her parents made the long journey to the Pacific coast and her public school training was supplemented by a course in the State Normal School of California. Like her husband, she has done notable work along educational lines, and for thirty years she has been a teacher in the public schools of Watsonville. She has always had charge of the first grade and many of the city's younger residents received their first preparation for life's duties

and responsibilities under her guidance. She is a zealous member of the Presbyterian church, also a member of the woman's auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A., and has served as president of the Woman's Saturday Afternoon Club of Watsonville. Mrs. White has a brother, Byron Allison, and a sister, Mrs. A. T. Dresser, of Watsonville. To Mr. and Mrs. White was born a son, William A., now a commercial traveler; and a daughter, Eva Louise, who was a teacher in the public schools of San Francisco and is now deceased.

EDWARD F. ROSSI.

A wide-awake factor in the modern motoring world is Edward F. Rossi, the experienced and attentive proprietor of the Salinas Garage, at 320 Main street, Salinas, in which city he was born, in the old Ross Hotel on Main street, July 20, 1879, the son of E. and Carolina (Tholcke) Rossi, the former a native of Switzerland, the latter of Germany. Mr. Rossi came to Calfiornia in the early '70s and for a while mined in Eldorado county. Coming to Salinas, he worked as a butcher in the St. John Butcher Shop; and later he bought and conducted the Ross Hotel on Main street. This house is still standing. It was the headquarters of the Swiss who came to Salinas from the old country, and Mr. Rossi helped them in many ways. He was an influential leader among them, pointing the way to their becoming better citizens. In later years he was prominent in republican politics, often swinging the Swiss vote to that great party. He and his good wife were married in the Ross Hotel, and their two sons, Edward F. and Oswald C. Rossi were born there. Mr. Rossi was a member of the Salinas lodge of Odd Fellows, and was always welcomed in its circles.

Edward F. Rossi attended the Salinas grammar and high schools, and at the age of fourteen earned many an honest dollar by delivering newspapers to homes in Salinas. He next clerked in Meyers' store, and also for J. W. Parker, and then he was apprenticed to learn the machinist's trade, at the Union Iron Works of San Francisco, remaining there for six years, but luckily returning to Salinas just before the fire in the former city. He was appointed a machinist in the Spreckels Sugar Factory and after a while he was given charge of the mechanical work of the Salinas Brewing Company. In 1911, in partnership with Tom Phillips, he bought the Cooper Garage on Main Street and within two years he bought out his partner. Since then he has carried on a general garage and repair business and deals in auto accessories.

Mr. Rossi was married in 1902, at San Francisco, to Miss Anna E. Anderson, a descendant of the well-known Stone family of Monterey county pioneers. They now have two daughters, Elita and Margie, both graduates of the Salinas Union high school. Mr. Rossi's local business standing is well indicated in the fact that he is the treasurer of the Rotary Club of Salinas. For five years he served as a trustee of the Salinas grammar schools. He is a member of Salinas Lodge, No. 204, F. & A. M., Salinas Chapter, No. 59, R. A. M., and the Islam Shrine of San Francisco. He is also very active in Lodge No. 614, of the B. P. O. E. and Alisal Lodge, No. 163, I. O. O. F., of Salinas. Mrs. Rossi is president of the Civic Club and takes an active part in public and charitable work in the community. During the World war she gave fourteen months to canteen work for the American Red Cross at Salinas. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rossi are held in high esteem and have a wide circle of warm friends.

HENRY GROSS.

The success of modern American laundrying is due to such talent for organization and such capacity for up-to-date enterprise, involving the use of the most approved methods and the most highly-developed machinery and appliances, as has been evidenced by Henry Gross, the energetic proprietor of the popular Salinas Steam Laundry and the Salinas Cleaning and Dyeing Works, in the town of that name. He was born at the San Juan Mission, at San Juan, in Monterey, (now San Benito,) county, June 16, 1867, a son of Charles F. and Ellen (Curley) Gross. His father, a

native of Germany, was a genuine '49er, and helped to do things of importance in golden California before it was a state; he mined for a while in Tuolumne county and later located at San Juan, in the pioneer days of Monterey county. He worked in the New Edra Finch silver mines, drove burros loaded with ore, over the mountains from the mines to the shipping point. For several years he was town marshall of San Juan. Five children, all happily living, grew up to honor this sturdy pathbreaker and his devoted wife, a daughter of Erin's green isle: George, of Paso Robles, is the eldest; Henry, the subject of this review, comes next; Mamie, now the wife of Homer Hastings, of Los Angeles, was the third in the order of birth; Edward B., of Monterey, was the next youngest; while the last-born is Agnese, now Mrs. C. P. Krough, of Santa Cruz.

Henry Gross attended the San Juan district school, and then for years worked on ranches. He became proprietor of a hotel in Hollister, and later was proprietor of the Bardin Hotel at Salinas. In 1900 he first established a laundry business in Salinas, occupying the present site of the Index office on West Gabilan Street. It was a small plant, this first establishment, employing only four hands, and having a one-horse wagon for delivery but now his plant is thoroughly modern and fully equipped, having the best machinery, and employs thirty-eight hands, with four auto-delivery cars. His customers are scattered throughout the southern end of Monterey county and a part of San Benito county, as well as Salinas. The cleaning and dyeing works, established twelve years ago, are also fully equipped to do the best and most dependable work in those lines.

Mr. Gross was married to Miss Lottie Carlisle, a native of Woodland, Yolo county, California, and they have one daughter, Juanita Kathrine, now a student at Stanford University. Mr. Gross is a member of the Salinas board of education. He belongs to the Woodmen of the World, to Alisal Lodge No. 163, I. O. O. F., and is a past exalted ruler of the Elks Lodge. An expert trap-shooter and hunter, he is past president of the Rodes Game Club, and was a member of the Gavilan Gun Club, now disbanded. He was one of the organizers of the Salinas Rodeo Association, of which he served for three years as a director-general and has had a great deal to do with the widely famous rodeos held each summer at Salinas, which are among the most attractive and interesting events of the great west a genuine loadstone to thousands of visitors. Mr. Gross is a most interesting conversationalist and can relate the story of many adventures and absorbing occurrences personally witnessed by him in the stirring days of the past.

JOHN FARAOLA.

A popular enterprise that must prove most interesting is that of John Faraola, who owns and manages the pleasure boats putting out from Pleasure Wharf at Santa Cruz, in which town he was born, January 18, 1869, the son of Dominic and Bessie (Herman) Faraola. The father was a pioneer who arrived here about 1850, accompanying T. Simmons and A. Palidino, early fishermen. He passed away nearly fifty years ago, but Mrs. Faraola has survived him, the center of a circle of devoted friends.

John Faraola obtained his education in the country schools and when only twelve years of age became a bell boy in a hotel. He was gradually advanced and continued to be associated with hotels until many years afterward. He started work in the old Douglas House and then entered the service of the Pacific Ocean House. When a lad of fifteen he showed some proficiency as a baseball player and getting a position at the St. James Hotel as night clerk, he was enabled to play with the J. W. Spring Base Ball Club. He also spent a year at the Vendome Hotel, in San Jose; was with the Lewis House at Watsonville for three years; and for two years was at the Mansion House in the same city.

His next venture was in the business of leasing and running pleasure boats at Santa Cruz for three years and then he and his brother, Sunday Faraola established a wholesale and retail fish business. When this partnership was dissolved, our subject took the pleasure boat concession, and now he has five fine vessels. They are used

for outings by the general public and occasionally for the more prosaic occupations of the fish-packers. Mr. Faraola maintains a keen interest in athletic sports, and this is second only to his devotion to business. He supports the republican party.

Mr. Faraola married, in Santa Cruz, in September, 1898, Miss Hattie Maxey, of Rockland, Maine, and their family consists of three children: Eva, John Faraola, Jr., and Marcelia, now Mrs. Francis Murray, of Los Angeles. There are also three grandchildren.

HERBERT J. COWLES.

Herbert J. Cowles, a well known and progressive young orchardist of the Watsonville neighborhood in Santa Cruz county, was born on the place on which he resides and where he has lived all his life, having thus grown up to a business which he has developed until he has come to be recognized as one of the leading orchardists in this section. He was born May 21, 1885, and is a son of Horace H. and Mary (Rodgers) Cowles, the latter of whom is still living. She is a daughter of James Rodgers, who was one of the pioneers of Watsonville.

The late Horace H. Cowles, who in his generation was for years one of the prominent orchardists of Santa Cruz county, was a native of the state of Vermont, born September 30, 1849, and was a son of Timothy Cowles, also a native Vermonter, who was one of the California pioneers, he having come to this state by way of the Isthmus in 1852. Timothy Cowles found conditions here to his liking and sent back east for his wife to join him here. She left her children in charge of relatives until proper home provision could be made for them here and then early in 1863 these children, Horace H. Cowles, then nine years of age, and his younger sister, aged seven, came to California under proper care, by way of the Horn, and rejoined their parents.

It was in San Benito county that the Timothy Cowles home was established and there Horace H. Cowles grew to manhood. He later came to Santa Cruz county in 1881 and he decided to make his permanent home here. In 1883 he bought the place on which his son is now living and proceeded to develop there a fine orchard, establishing his home on the place. Prior to that he had for some time farmed the Flint ranch of eight hundred acres in the San Juan valley and also for a time had been engaged in farming at San Andreas, but the place he selected for his own in the Watsonville neighborhood suited him very well and he set about to improve and develop it. In 1896 he erected on that place the present substantial dwelling house and there he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in April, 1908, untimely and suddenly, the result of an attack of ptomaine poisoning. His widow still is residing on the old home place, where she is very pleasantly situated. His father, the pioneer, Timothy Cowles, lived to the great age of ninety-six years. To Horace H. Cowles and wife were born five children, the subject of this biographical review having four sisters, namely: Florence, wife of George W. Webb; Lillian, wife of Lynn Marsh; Ethel, wife of Fred Hudson, and Gertrude, wife of Harlow Ford.

Reared on the home farm in Green valley, Herbert J. Cowles supplemented the education received in the local schools by a course in the business college at Santa Cruz and from the days of his boyhood has been attentive to the labors incident to the development of the fruit ranch. He married in his twentieth year and continued to make his home on the place. Following his father's death two years later he took over the management of the ranch and has so continued, long having been recognized as one of the leading fruit growers of this section. Mr. Cowles has a fine place of fifty-one acres of full bearing orchard and his operations are carried on in strictly up-to-date fashion. He is a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at Watsonville and is also affiliated with the local camp of the Woodmen of the World.

Mr. Cowles has been twice married. In 1906 he was united in marriage to Miss Edna Mann, who died in 1920, leaving four children, George, Eloise, Hazel and Omar. On September 13, 1922, Mr. Cowles married Miss Ethel Jones and to this union one child has been born, a son, Carroll. They have a pleasant home on

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their place and Mr. and Mrs. Cowles have ever taken an interested and helpful part in the general social activities of the community in which they reside. Mr. Cowles has from the very beginning of that organization been an active factor in the promotion of the interests of the local farm bureau and has served as a director of the same.

SAMUEL H. HOOKE.

Monterey, developing from an easy-going, historic and ever-interesting old town to a modern municipality, has been fortunate in its contractors and builders, among whom is Samuel H. Hooke, an Englishman by birth. He was born in London, February 3, 1863, a son of Samuel Hooke. The family came to America in 1869 and lived for a while at Topeka, Kansas, but after five years in the middle west migrated to San Francisco, where Mr. Hooke established himself in the boot and shoe business. He was a successful merchant, making it his purpose always to please, while honestly serving his many patrons. Now in comfortable retirement at the age of eighty-four, he can look back upon a life well spent. Two years before the death of Mrs. Hooke, this worthy couple celebrated their golden wedding, four generations being represented on that occasion.

Samuel Hooke of Monterey attended the public schools in Sonoma county, to which the family had removed in 1876 and when school-days were over he commenced to work, for a while doing various things. At the age of nineteen he learned the painter's trade, which he followed for a few years but because the occupation did not agree with his health, he had to abandon that business. He then learned the carpenter's trade, and took up construction work. As superintendent of construction for the government, he first came to Monterey to repair the lighthouse that was damaged by the earthquake of 1906. Here he remained until 1913 when he returned to San Francisco to superintend the construction of buildings at the Panama Pacific Exposition, being thus engaged for some nineteen months. Then he was for five months in Stockton and next went to Fort Bragg, Mendocino county, as a foreman for the Union Lumber Company. After that he was sent to Eureka to build the factory for the drying of redwood sawdust, subsequent to which time the Earl Fruit Company put him in charge of work in the building of two factories, for the making of containers for the packing of grapes and drying of redwood sawdust for grape packing.

In 1919 Mr. Hooke returned to Monterey and he was put in charge of the construction of the handsome Spanish residences of Gouv. Morris, M. Wood and Louis Hill. He also built the McKay residence, the George Harper residence, one of the nice homes, and many others on the peninsula.

When Mr. Hooke married, he chose for his wife, Miss Maud B. Day, who passed away in March, 1922, leaving a large circle of admiring and appreciative friends. She was the mother of four children, George W., Walter E., Edward N. and Jackson F. Hooke. In political views Mr. Hooke is a republican where national questions are uppermost but at local elections frequently casts an independent ballot. He is fond of out-door life and it is natural that he is very much interested in all that pertains to Monterey County.

WILLIAM J. McGRATH.

William J. McGrath, one of the well known and substantial ranchers of the Watsonville neighborhood, in Santa Cruz county, and joint owner there of a fine tract—the old Casserly ranch—where he is actively engaged in general farming and fruit raising, has been a witness to and a participant in the amazing development that has taken place thereabout since the days of his boyhood. He is a son of William and Mary (Lean) McGrath, the latter of whom is a native of California, born in Redding, a daughter of one of the real pioneers of this state.

The late William McGrath, who died at his home in the Watsonville neighborhood in 1904, was a native of Ireland, born in 1840, and was but a child when he took

passage for this country with his parents, who both died on the way over. The young William landed in the city of Detroit, Michigan, where he lived until he was sixteen years of age, when (in 1856) he came to California, attracted by the lure of the mines, coming by way of the Isthmus, and became engaged in mining in what was then the vigorous camp surrounding Sutters Mill. He also had some experience at the Virginia City camp and in the Nevada City "diggings", and at the end of two years of strenuous life in the mining camps he decided to turn his attention to agricultural pursuits. With that end in view he came into the Salinas valley and in the Alisat district became employed at farm labor, remaining there for six years, at the end of which time he bought a tract of land in Green valley near Watsonville and there established his home. Three years later he was put in charge of the great Casserly ranch of several thousand acres and in time subdivided the same and sold it out in varying lots and parcels for small farms. He took a farm of four hundred acres for himself on this deal, a tract consisting almost wholly of a jungle of sycamore and willow trees in the lowlands, with a heavy redwood growth on some upland, and set about getting the place in shape for cultivation, in time developing there an admirable piece of property, which is still kept in the family. Among the pioneers of that district William McGrath was regarded as one of the leaders. He was for thirty years and more school trustee in that district and in other ways rendered well his part as a good citizen. This pioneer is survived by six children: William J., of this review; Kate, the wife of George P. Martin of San Francisco; Nell, the wife of Dr. Otto Gotsch of San Francisco; Elizabeth, the wife of Robert Howell Craig of Los Angeles; and Eugene R. and George R., who also are making their home on the old home ranch.

Reared on the home ranch, William J. McGrath supplemented the education he received in the Watsonville public schools by a course in a business college and has from the days of his young manhood devoted himself to the affairs of the home ranch. After the death of their father the heirs kept the place intact and the brothers now are operating it in behalf of the estate, the sisters still retaining their interest in the place also. The great McGrath ranch now comprises right around four thousand acres, three thousand acres of which are devoted to grazing, two hundred and fifty acres to general farming, one hundred acres to the cultivation of fruit, and fifty acres to hops, some of the farm extending over into the adjacent county of Santa Clara.

In 1913 William J. McGrath was united in marriage to Miss Frances Thompson of San Francisco, and to this union three sons have been born: Stephen T., deceased; and William and John McGrath. Mr. and Mrs. McGrath have a very pleasant home surrounded by thirty acres of well kept grounds and Mr. McGrath there cultivates a choice bit of orchard land of his own and a fine walnut grove, in the excellence of the products of which he takes a very proper pride. He is widely known as an experienced grower and ranchman and has had success in his undertakings. He is a member of the lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks in Watsonville and takes a proper interest in the affairs of that popular organization.

HENRY C. STEINMETZ.

Henry C. Steinmetz, a pioneer blacksmith, of Pacific Grove, was born in Huron, Huron County, Ohio, February 14, 1866, the son of Jacob and Helen Augusta (Leonard) Steinmetz, the former a native of Germany, the latter of the Buckeye state. Mr. Steinmetz crossed the ocean to New York when he was seventeen years of age, and in the American metropolis plied his trade of harnessmaking. In the early '50s he came to California by way of the Isthmus, and in 1866 returned east and brought his family to the coast. He then set up his bench in San Francisco and later was employed in the customs house at Benicia. Going to Sacramento, he had a harness business there and later he went into the gold mines in Amador county, and also at Center creek, not far away. In 1884 he went to the Mission San Jose, in Alameda county, where he opened a harness shop and subsequently carried on business in Wam Springs. He died in San Jose. His surviving children are: F. J. Steinmetz, at Palo Alto; D. W., at the Mission San Jose; Henry C.; and Helen Augusta, wife of Jacob

Scanlan. Mr. Steinmetz was at one time deputy assessor of Alameda county and was an Odd Fellow for fifty years.

Brought to California when he was six months old, Henry Steinmetz went to the public schools in Amador county and then worked at the quartz mill. For a time he was employed in the blacksmith shop of M. Matteson in Livermore, Alameda county. He served his time at the trade of machine blacksmith at Mission San Jose, under Jim Stanley who became public administrator of Alameda County. Then he worked for four years in the agricultural shop of Byron Jackson in San Francisco and afterward went to Warm Springs, where he ran a shop for twelve years. Coming to Pacific Grove in 1904, he bought the Fitch blacksmith shop at 223 Grand Avenue, and has been in business here ever since. In the early days of his experience at Pacific Grove, horse-shoeing and wagon-repairing was a considerable part of his day's work. At that time the Mammoth Stables housed the stages and horses which took the people over the famous seventeen-mile drive, and horse-shoeing and stage-repairing were important parts of a blacksmith's work, there being only two blacksmith shops in town then. He now manufactures automobile springs and makes a specialty of hand-wrought iron work, forging and ornamental iron work for house hardware, his shop being well equipped with expensive, modern machinery.

Mr. Steinmetz married Miss Ada V. Shaw, a native of Hollister, San Benito county and they have four children: Howard William, now with the Standard Oil Company, was a musician in the band of the One Hundreth and Forty-fourth Field Artillery of the Fortieth Division, and saw service in France in the World war. Clarence studied the radio in Harvard College and was sent to the radio station at New London, Connecticut during the war. Esther is a student in the Teachers' College, at San Jose, Leonard is a pupil of the Pacific Grove high school. Mr. Steinmetz is a member of the First Christian Church, belongs to Monterey Lodge, No. 182, I. O. O. F. and is a representative of the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce.

CLARK BROTHERS.

Among the men of enterprise and ability whose well directed efforts have contributed to the success of the great fruit-growing industry of which Watsonville is the center are A. B. and Kenneth C. Clark, who constitute the firm of Clark Brothers, engaged in motor drayage. They operate a fleet of from ten to fifteen Fageol motor trucks, according to the season, between Watsonville and the bay cities of San Jose, Oakland and San Francisco, hauling perishable fruits, berries and vegetables.

The railroad formerly handled this business, but the service rendered the fruit growers was very unsatisfactory. They would not receive shipments after 5 P. M. and little care was exercised in handling consignments. Realizing the great need of better transportation facilities, the Clark Brothers established their present business in March, 1921, and as a result of their systematic methods and progressive spirit it has enjoyed a remarkably rapid growth, their daily shipments now running as high as fifteen hundred crates of berries and vegetables. Every precaution is taken to protect the produce, which arrives at its destination in fine condition. Canvas covers are placed on the trucks and the shipments are preserved by a constant circulation of cold air through a shield. They are hauled direct to the commission houses and unloaded. Employment is furnished to from seventeen to fifty men and there are five receiving stations. One is located at Watsonville; another at Aromas, in San Benito county; the third is situated on the San Juan road; one on the Riverside road and the fifth at Bedebell. Shipments are received from 1 to 7:15 P. M., and insurance is carried on the goods, all losses being paid immediately by the firm. The Berry growers sign an agreement, stating that their shipments will be made through the Clark Brothers, who are under contract to deliver the consignment not later than 4 A. M. The firm receives and transports the produce of from two hundred and fifty to three hundred fruit and vegetable growers and has based its success on superior service and honorable, straightforward dealing. Before locating in Watsonville they were engaged in road building and other lines of business for four years in various parts of the state.

A. B. Clark, the senior member of the firm, was born in Mississippi and served in the United States navy during the World war. He was first sent to the naval base at San Pedro, California, going from there to Pelham bay, New York, and was later instructor in seamanship, ordnance, gunnery and grand tackle at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. He belongs to San Francisco Post, No. 1, of the American Legion, of which he is a charter member, and is also connected with Watsonville Lodge, No. 1300, of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and Pajaro Lodge, No. 90, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Kenneth C. Clark is a native of Santa Cruz county, California, and along fraternal lines is also identified with the local lodges of the Elks and the Odd Fellows. The brothers are typical young business men of the present day, alert, decisive, aggressive and have many friends throughout the valley, who speak of them in terms of high regard.

WESLEY A. MULLER

Not many men, perhaps, have so thoroughly mastered every detail of their business field as has Wesley A. Muller, the efficient and popular superintendent and manager of the Pacific Fish Company, at Monterey. A native of California, he was born at Stockton, on June 24, 1885, the son of Daniel and Katherine (Schimelpfenig) Muller, his maternal grandfather having settled in Stockton in early days, when he was a pioneer, and assuredly a very progressive one, in that section. Daniel Muller, on the other hand, came from the old country when he was a boy, and located in Stockton; and later was engaged in the hotel business there. Some years ago, he disposed of his interests in Stockton, and took up his residence in San Francisco where he now lives, with his good wife in comfortable retirement.

Wesley Muller attended the grammar and high schools of San Francisco, and then finished his studies with a business course. At one time he acted as cashboy in a department store and, in strong contrast to that, he became a seaman, spending some time on the ocean. He made several trips to Australia, and perfected himself in the science of navigation, while later he was granted his papers as a pilot and for several years followed this line of work.

In 1908 Mr. Muller came to Monterey and joined the F. E. Booth Company, remaining with them for three and one-half years. He next accepted a position with the Pacific Fish Company as machinist and after a few years, he was made superintendent and local manager, also becoming a stockholder of the Company. In the busy season, he has had as many as two hundred and fifty employes under him, in whose individual welfare also he endeavors to keep interested.

Politically Mr. Muller is a republican, and fraternally he is an Elk and a Mason. When he feels compelled to beat a retreat from a care-worn world, he tries hunting and other out of door sports. He is an active and progressive supporter of the Monterey Chamber of Commerce, which means that Wesley Muller is alert to advance the best opportunities of the town.

PETER NAKKEN

Peter Nakken is a member of the well known firm of Nakken Brothers, painters, whose valuable practical experience, together with their noted enterprise and exceptional executive ability, have made them successful contractors, often operating on a large scale. Their place of business is at 145 Windsor street, Santa Cruz. Peter Nakken is a Hollander by birth and a worthy representative of the plucky Netherlands folk who long made their republic, and later their kingdom, one of the most unique garden spots on the earth. He was born March 19, 1873, and is a son of Ralph and Bertha (Dejager) Nakken. The family crossed the ocean to the United States in 1893 and settled in New Jersey where, having already started his educational training in the excellent Dutch schools, he carried on his studies in evening schools. He had learned the painter's trade in Holland.

Coming to Santa Cruz, California, he joined his brother, who had reached the coast in 1904 and they formed a partnership in exterior and interior decorating, doing work on some of the finer residences in and near the city. Whatever they did, seemed to give satisfaction, and never required to be done over, or otherwise improved upon, and gradually they have built up a reputation for dependable work worth more than any advertisement.

Peter Nakken was married in 1895 to Miss Laura Schuster, of Brooklyn, New York; they are parents of three children: Gertrude, Elsie and John R., and they now have two grandchildren. Mr. Nakken belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in politics is a socialist. He is fond of outdoor life and recreation.

RALPH NAKKEN.

Ralph Nakken, the junior member of the firm of Nakken Brothers, was also born in Holland, and first saw the light on May 6, 1885; with the family be came to America, settling in New Jersey in 1893. At the age of eleven, while attending the grade schools he began to learn his trade—rather an exceptional early development, as compared with the career of most American boys. In 1904 he reached Santa Cruz, doubtless feeling at home again so near the water, even if the California town boasted neither windmills nor dykes. He is still a student and enjoys outdoor life.

He married Miss Matilda Paulsen, a native daughter, who grew up in close touch with California's broad institutions, and they have one child, Bertha H. In politics, Ralph Nakken, like his brother, is a socialist. He is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

JOHN N. OTAR.

Unique among the artistic attractions of industrial Santa Cruz is undoubtedly the studio of John N. Otar, the widely-famed Otar The Lampmaker, of 143½ Pacific avenue, who has found Californians the best of patrons of the highly idealistic. Mr. Otar was born in Georgia, city of Tiflis, in Transcaucasian Russia, May 26, 1891, the son of Nicholas and Louise Otar and was left motherless at the age of two years. The father, who was a wholesale hardware merchant, survived her many years, and died, highly esteemed, in 1914.

John N. Otar enjoyed better educational advantages than many, attending the high school of his district; afterward matriculating at a private college and supplementing that with a rigorous commercial course in a business college. He was so well equipped for the battle of life that he left home in his sixteenth year to travel throughout much of the world for the next four years. In 1910 he chanced to be in London, and while there decided to come to the United States. For eight months after reaching our shores, he went from one place to the other, and for a short time he tried his luck with the mail-order business. In 1913 he engaged in manufacturing patented articles but after a year returned to his native country. Then came the World war and he entered the service of the Anglo-Russian Supply Division, but when the United States threw her vast weight into the scales of justice, he offered his services to this government and was connected with the Amatol Arsenal in New Jersey until the end of the war. He was next with the Ordnance Engineering & Testing Company, doing experimental work for six years in connection with explosions, but after that he went to Boston, where he was engaged in the making of lamps, thoroughly qualifying himself for artistic work in the studio.

In 1919 Mr. Otar came west to San Francisco, principally for the sake of seeking a location, and after traveling through much of the state, he decided upon Santa Cruz as the city offering the greatest advantages. For seven months his first little shop was on the ranch of Mr. Sims, but friends induced him, on seeing the quality of his workmanship, to come closer to the business section, and he located at 86 Locust street, from which, after a year, in response to the urgent demands of his increasing patrons,

he removed to his present location, at 143½ Pacific avenue. As a world-traveled man, Mr. Otar is broad-minded and public spirited, and in political affairs he is an independent, always holding himself above any party and its commands.

A local newspaper is a pretty fair guide to a man's real standing in his community; and it may be worth reprinting the highly entertaining article that appeared in a recent issue of the Santa Cruz Evening News concerning Mr. Otar and his high grade work. "Came one who stood before the most unique doorway in Santa Cruz, and gazed at its Spanish colorings, its broad bronze hinges, and its old-fashioned latch, and looked through the tiny window which in Cavalier days would have served well some dark-eyed Senorita, looking the love she could not speak to a knight clanking his armor down a narrow, stilted way.

"This is the door which Otar the Lampmaker built and set like a gem to intrigue the curiosity of the passerby. Cunningly he devised the door, for well he knew that its invitation spelled success to its maker. A door is an expressive thing, and Otar the Lampmaker put into his door sufficient expression to tempt tourist and citizen to seek the reason for its existence.

"Once, Otar the Lampmaker toiled in a tiny space. His hammers beat a tattoo to the swift thoughts which coursed through his mind. Pictures rose before him of spacious places where his artistic creations might grow beneath the patient labor of his hands and the hands of his assistants. He envisioned houses and churches, lodges and mountain retreats, cottages and bungalows, each bearing within its shelter the finished products of Otar the Lampmaker's skill and artistic ability. But, days pass swiftly and the longest dream runs to its close, a close which spells wakefulness and disappointment, or wakefulness and success.

"To the gods of close application had Otar the Lampmaker addressed himself while laboring in that tiny place, and the gods smiled upon his efforts for tourist and citizen, friend and stranger began a pilgrimage to the tiny shop of Otar the Lampmaker, and the demand for his lamps became so great that he had to avail himself of a little more space in which to ply his art. So came the time when he had Allen Collins, Santa Cruz architect, design the most unique doorway in Santa Cruz.

"The wares of Otar the Lampmaker are seen in other places than in Santa Cruz. At Carmel-by-the-Sea, where the Seven Arts have congregated in order that art may have a central home in California, a generous display is made of door-knockers which might have been wrested from some ancient casa in Andulasia, aged and rough-hewn pieces such as Moorish men were wont to rouse the echoes with when they thundered for admittance, lamp brackets such as were forged beside the blue Mediterranean in the days when Roman galleys plied its coasts, rich rare designs of grilles and hinges, andirons and fire-tongs—a varied assortment of the wares of Otar the Lampmaker."

GORDON E. SPOTSWOOD.

Gordon E. Spotswood, the efficient agent of the American Railway Express, at Pacific Grove, residing at 311 Carmel avenue, was born at Kemptville, in Ontario, Canada, April 25, 1885, a son of George W. and Alethia (Dangerfield) Spotswood, also natives of Ontario. The family crossed the border into the United States and spent a year in New York. In 1889 Mr. Spotswood came west to California, settling in San Jose. Later he returned east, and in 1891 brought his family out to the coast. At San Jose, he established himself in business as a building contractor and for many years was noted for his fine work and his extensive building operations. He is now living retired, an honored resident of San Jose.

Gordon Spotswood attended the excellent San Jose schools and later became a student in the San Jose Business College. His first engagement for wages was with a surveying party and for a short time he was bookkeeper for the Owl Drug Company, in San Francisco. In 1905, however, wishing a more promising field, he entered the employ of the Wells Fargo Express Company, in San Jose, and has continued in that field ever since. He was first a driver of one of the delivery wagons and then became an office clerk. Afterward he was made cashier and later went on the road as express messenger, traveling over various routes throughout the state. He has been

a resident of Pacific Grove for about ten years, this being a convenient starting point for his diversified runs. For a short time, too, he was agent at Watsonville Junction. On May 1, 1923, he assumed the responsibilities of agent at Pacific Grove and here he also manages a draying and transfer business.

In the year 1905 at San Jose, California, Mr. Spotswood was married to Miss Anna Jacobs, a native of Plymouth, Amador county, this state, and a daughter of one of the well known mining men there. Two children have blessed their union: Russel Elmer, aged sixteen, and Evelyn E., three years younger. Mr. Spotswood is secretary of Pacific Grove Lodge, No. 331, F. & A. M., and patron of the local chapter of the Eastern Star. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Foresters. He is esteemed by his brethren of these fraternities and genial, obliging and reliable, he has gained the good will of those with whom business relations have brought him in contact as well as the confidence of the corporation which he represents.

JOHN W. VAIL.

John W. Vail is an experienced, enterprising contracting painter who is especially well known for his artistic and dependable wall and interior decorations. His place of business is at 540 Main street, Watsonville. A native of California, he was born at Antioch, on the 29th of October, 1876, and is a son of F. M. and Mary (Madden) Vail, highly intelligent, progressive people, who sought the best that life affords. The father was a New Yorker, who came to California when about twenty-four years of age, and bought a ranch. Later he removed to Kings county. Both parents have passed away and are kindly remembered by many.

John W. Vail attended the public schools of this state and then began to learn the painter's and decorator's trade with his father. When old enough to do so, he and a brother, E. M. Vail, formed a partnership, under the firm name of Vail Brothers, to do general painting at Hanford, where he remained for twenty years. About 1917, however, he removed to San Francisco, and in 1918 he came to Watsonville, where he bought a small business. He devoted himself assiduously to the needs of his patrons and from the beginning has succeeded. Now he employs about six men, and has to his credit such jobs as the high school, the convent, the Odd Fellows and other noted buildings. He carries a full line of paints, paper and glass, and also painters' supplies, and he contracts for painting of all kinds. He is an independent democrat and takes pride in his public-spirited stand upon many vexed questions.

Mr. Vail married Miss Mary Ballman who was reared in California, and they have two daughters: Agnes, the wife of Earl Payton, and Mary. Mr. Vail is a Woodman, a Red Man and a Knight of Pythias.

K. HOVDEN.

K. Hovden, of the well known K. Hovden Company, Inc., of Monterey, packers of fancy sardines and tuna, with a branch establishment in San Diego, was born in Norway, January 3, 1880, the son of Olav and Maria Agathe Hovden, both now deceased. The parents were enviably situated, in that they enjoyed the esteem and goodwill of their neighbors and many friends, and this fact is today a source of pride and satisfaction to K. Hovden who is generally looked upon as a successful man, well-deserving his prosperity.

Passing his boyhood in his native land, young Hovden attended the Norwegian schools and at the early age of fifteen entered a general merchandise store, where he acted as clerk Ther for two and a half years he was correspondent for a large iron and steel concern and next he sailed as supercargo, traveling for eight months of the year, and buying and selling for his employers. He followed this line of work for five years, although during all this time he was determined some day to master the fish industry.

As a result of this new interest, Mr. Hovden was constantly studying the fish-

game, from both a scientific and a commercial standpoint, and he worked with some of the largest fishing companies in Germany, France and Holland, eventually taking a two-year course in the Fisheries' School in Norway, to supplement his practical knowledge. Afterward he was associated with two Englishmen in Norway in packing and shipping fishballs but their plant was destroyed by fire, thus putting an end to all their operations. In 1904 therefore he came across the sea once more and made his way to the northwest, locating in Astoria where for a year he engaged in salmon packing, but he saw that the salmon industry could not long continue and therefore gave all his attention to sardines. After coming to Monterey, he was with the Booth Company for a time.

When, in 1915, Mr. Hovden undertook to pack sardines on his own account, he built an extensive plant, thus amply demonstrating his faith in the future and in himself, and since then his business has grown far beyond all expectations. This plant was destroyed by fire in 1921 but he did not lose either his grit or his grip, and instead he set to work to rebuild, since which time he has been compelled each year to make additions, in order to handle his fast-growing business. He has his own force of salesmen, although possibly the most successful member of the selling staff is K. Hovden himself. The plants employ some four hundred people in the busy season, and their yearly turn-over will average one million dollars. Two of the four plants of the company are in Monterey, one is in San Diego, and one in Alameda, where a special brand of fruits is packed. The Hovden "Portola" brand of sardines is world-famous.

Mr. Hovden was married in 1910 to Miss Marie Emma Siegert, the ceremony taking place in London, England, and their union has been blessed with two children, Allan and Norman. Mrs. Hovden is an accomplished lady, a native of the fine old city of Leipsic, Germany, although she was reared in the world's metropolis, London. Mr. Hovden is a republican, and an Elk; and being a self-made man, he is foremost in every movement for the uplifting of others desiring to establish themselves in worth-while careers.

BELNORE F. BRISAC, JR.

A wide-awake, farseeing man, to whose enterprise and genial personality must be ascribed no little credit for the excellent service now afforded motorists in Santa Cruz, is Belnore F. Brisac, Jr., of the popular Mission Garage, on Mission street, opposite the post office. A native Californian, he was born at San Francisco, November 24, 1888, the son of Belnore F. and Alice M. (Hain) Brisac, old Californians. The father was also born in San Francisco, where the paternal grandfather settled in the early '50s. The Brisacs came originally from France, while the Hain family came from New Orleans. The father was a broker in San Francisco, and was held in high esteem by the early leaders in the Bay City who "did things." Both parents, having rounded out useful and honorable careers, are now deceased.

Belnore F. Brisac, Jr., attended the public schools of San Francisco, and later pursued the training of the Belmont Military Academy, from which he was duly graduated in 1905. He then spent some time in the engineering department of the Western Pacific Railroad, engaged in construction work, and in 1906 he accepted a position with the Middleton Motor Car Company, the pioneer automobile concern of San Francisco in the days of the two-cylinder cars. He remained with them until July, 1909, when he came to Santa Cruz and opened the Seaside Garage, at 33 Pacific avenue, under the name of the Seaside Auto Company. At that time the garage had a capacity of six cars, but in 1911 he removed to the street car barns on Pacific avenue. In the spring of 1912 he and his partner took a lease on the Casa del Rey Garage and conducted it during the years 1912, 1913 and 1914. They built their present strictly modern, fire-proof garage, and moved into it in September, 1914. They have the agency for the Hudson and the Essex cars and are always more than busy. The firm carries replacement parts for all makes of cars and conduct both a retail and a wholesale business and, all in all, they have been very successful. For six years Mr. Brisac served as a director of the Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce, and he is a charter member of the local Rotary Club. In politics,

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he is a republican. He is secretary of the local Elks lodge and past exalted ruler, and he also belongs to the Eagles and the Moose. He is fond of golfing.

Mr. Brisac married in Santa Cruz, April 18, 1908, Miss Madaline Hubbs, a native of the state of Washington, who had been reared at Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz county, California and they have two children, Madaline and Leona.

L. H. NIELSEN, D. C.

Dr. L. H. Nielsen, a thoroughly trained chiropractor, whose familiarity with modern science, as exemplified in his professional work, has brought him a large practice in Salinas, was born at Bryant, Iowa, November 27, 1894, and attended the local schools for which that state has long been famous. He availed himself of every opportunity for educational progress and in time was ready for advanced studies.

He matriculated at the Universal Chiropractic College of Davenport, Iowa, and was duly graduated with the class of 1916. Desirous of trying his fortune in the far west, he settled in Salinas, California, and here established an office. When the World war called for heroic volunteers, Dr. Nielsen was among the earliest to make for the scene of action and grim duty. He joined the Eighty-eighth Division, Medical Corps, as a private, was six months at Camp Dodge, in Iowa, and saw a year of service in France. Following his return to the United States he took a post-graduate course at the Pittsburgh College of Chiropractic, and on finishing his studies there returned to California and resumed successful practice at Salinas. He has grown in popularity and influence, which means that he has greatly widened his circle for usefulness to humanity. It is not surprising therefore that he is the acceptable president of the Tri-Counties' Chiropractic Association, which includes the counties of Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz. He is also a member of the Federal Association of California. He has been commander of Salinas Post, No. 31, of the American Legion, of which he is a charter member and he belongs to Salinas Lodge, No. 204, F. & A. M., the Sciots; Salinas Lodge, No. 614, B. P. O. E., and Alisal Lodge, No. 163, I. O. O. F.

JAMES HOWARD CANNEY.

A well known broker in real estate who has become a successful Pajaro orchardist, viewed both from the practical and from the scientific standpoint, his horticultural experience fitting him the better to advise others what kind of an investment they ought to make, is James Howard Canney, of 16 San Juan road, Watsonville. A native son, familiar from his boyhood with California conditions, he was born at Santa Cruz, October 27, 1873, his parents being Dr. F. E. J. and Isabel Virginia (Fuller) Canney. The father came from Minnesota as early as 1868 and settled at Santa Cruz, remaining there by the sea until 1879. He was superintendent of the County Hospital and public administrator, and when he removed to San Francisco, he organized the Hahnemann Homeopathic College, being at its head until some time in the '80s. Then he removed to San Jose, where he passed away at the advanced age of ninety-four years. Mrs. Canney, beloved by all who knew her, lived to be even two years older, lacking only four years of seeing her centenary.

James Howard Canney progressed as far as the high school courses of instruction in San Francisco, but because of ill health he had to remain out doors and to avoid the confinement of close study. This led him to become an orchardist, and he spent twenty years in cultivating oranges in southern California. In 1916 he came to Pajaro and here began handling choice land. He has thirty-two acres of apples, which are the best kind of testimony for California's great asset—climate, and the products of his trees are in great demand. He is also keenly interested in the development of Santa Cruz's resources, and his sales of realty never fail to promote this end.

In 1902 Mr. Canney was united in marriage to Miss Florence Kemp, and they are affiliated with the Episcopal church. Mr. Canney belongs to the Royal Arch Masons, the Sciots, and is also identified with the Odd Fellows, the Encampment and Rebekahs.

He is secretary of the Northern Monterey Chamber of Commerce. In politics he is a republican, save when party lines interfere with local accomplishment and then he is non-partisan.

De WITT APPLETON.

The present improved condition and appearance of Monterey owes much to such progressive, enterprising designers and builders as De Witt Appleton, a native of San Francisco, born September 28, 1875, the son of David E. and Rachel (Pullen) Appleton, the former a pioneer of 1850. Although hailing from New York city, where he had been associated with his relatives, D. Appleton & Co., world known publishers, he was glad, on landing in San Francisco during the hurly-burly of the early gold rush to drive a dump cart and to work as an employe in leveling off the sand and prepare for building. He later bought several paper routes, and in time established himself in a bookstore; while still later he became a publisher. He died in 1876 and Mrs. Appleton, a lady beloved as her lamented husband has been esteemed, survived him until 1924.

De Witt Appleton attended the public schools of San Francisco and San Benito county and then took special courses of study at the University of California. As a boy he learned the carpenter's trade but afterward he took agricultural courses leading to his mastery of the creamery and butter trade. In time, however, he took up carpenter work again. Coming to Monterey in December, 1905, he engaged in the creamery business but for the past eight years has been applying himself to designing and building residences. He remodeled the T. F. Filed residence, and he has done much work outside of the city. He specializes in Spanish architecture of which he has made a special study. In politics, he prefers the republican platform. In fraternal affairs he is an Elk, Moose and Modern Woodman.

BERT E. UNDERWOOD.

A sanitary engineer quite as well known for his energetic initiative as for his invaluable training and experience is Bert E. Underwood, of 352 Main street, Salinas. He is a native son of California, born on a farm in San Benito county, May 2, 1889. His father, Walter Underwood, a native of Santa Clara county, California, wedded Miss Mary Smith, who was born in Sonoma county. They were a worthy couple, highly esteemed by all who knew them.

Bert E. Underwood attended the district schools of San Benito county and at the age of eighteen was apprenticed to the firm of Anderson & Daugherty, of Salinas, to learn the trades of plumbing and sheet-metal working. He followed these lines at San Luis Obispo and at Santa Barbara for a time and then put aside business interests to render military aid to his country. He made an enviable war record by enlisting in 1916 in the First California Cavalry, during the troubles with Villa in Mexico. He was stationed at Nogales, Arizona, on the Mexican border, and he was discharged at the outbreak of the war with Germany. He then enlisted in the Fortieth Division, One Hundred and Forty-fifth Machine Gun Battalion, and was commissioned first lieutenant, and trained at Camp Kearney, California, with the Fortieth Division. He went overseas in 1918 but previous to this, attended the machine gun school at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, while in France he was transferred to the First Division, United States Army, Second Machine Gun Battalion, and saw active service on the west front. He was in action at San Miguel and in the Argonne and afterward entered Germany with the Army of Occupation, remaining for nine months at Montabena. For seven months of this time he was acting captain, or company commander. For service in action he received four gold stars and one silver star and his military record is one of which he has every reason to be proud.

Returning to Salinas, Mr. Underwood established himself in business in 1919 as a sanitary engineer and opened a plumbing and sheet metal shop on Main street.

Mr. Underwood was married to Miss Ellen Mellander, of Nevada, now the mother

of his three children—Loraine, Leona and Bert E., Jr. Mr. Underwood is a member of Salinas Lodge, No. 204, F. & A. M., in which he is serving as junior warden; Salinas Lodge, No. 614, B. P. O. E., and of Santa Lucia Parlor, No. 97, Native Sons of the Golden West. As a citizen he stands one hundred per cent American and as a business man displays the industry and energy which bring success.

J. N. PETERSEN.

Widely and favorably known among the agriculturists of Santa Cruz county is the enterprising firm of Petersen & Porter, of Watsonville, who are looked to for progressive methods in farming and economic methods in distribution. J. N. Petersen, the senior member of this firm, was born in Denmark, May 11, 1873, the son of George and Christina Petersen, farming people who were esteemed in their native land for their up-to-date ways and their advanced ideas. The father is deceased but the mother is still living.

J. N. Petersen had the usual excellent grammar school advantages afforded the Danish boy, and quite early he went to work upon a farm. At the age of nineteen years he said goodbye to the scenes long so familiar, and crossed the ocean to the United States, being fortunate in coming direct to Watsonville, where he put in one year in railroad work.

Mr. Petersen then rented different places until 1910, when he took charge of his present place, a ranch of four hundred acres, known as Valley Rancho, which he operated for six years. In 1916, he and John E. Porter became partners, and they now carry on general farming and stock-grazing together on three thousand acres and they have been fairly successful. Mr. Porter is the grandson of the late John Thomas Porter, whose memory as a worth-while pioneer is today honored by thousands, and the ranches now operated by Petersen & Porter are owned by the John T. Porter Company and lie in Monterey and San Benito counties.

In national politics, Mr. Petersen is a republican. He married Miss Christina Jessing, also a native of Denmark, and they have three children: Alice, Emma and Edna.

WILLIAM H. H. METZ.

The memory of the late William H. H. Metz, one of the pioneers of Monterey county, is perpetuated in the name of the town which bears his name and which grew up from the settlement he established there on a tract which he had taken over from a discouraged "squatter" back in the days when the lands in western California were being opened to settlement. He became a large landowner in that county, was long active in development work thereabout, for many years was postmaster of Metz, for twenty years was clerk and trustee of the schools, and in many ways was influential in the labors of the community carried on there in his generation.

William H. H. Metz was an Ohioan by birth but was a resident of California from the days of his boyhood having been but a lad of fourteen years when he crossed the plains behind oxen with his parents and became a resident of California. He was born on March 4, 1841, and was but a babe in arms when his parents left their Ohio home and migrated to the then opening territory of Iowa. Not satisfied with conditions there the Metz family presently left the prairie country and migrated to southern Missouri, where they remained until 1855, in which year, attracted by the glowing reports of California, they joined the constantly growing caravans which then were moving over the plains and mountains to the golden west. Upon their arrival in California they settled in the Santa Clara valley, in the vicinity of San Jose. William H. H. Metz then was fourteen years of age and his youthful spirit responded in full to the possibilities then opening here for adventurous and ambitious youth.

It may be said that the career of the late William H. H. Metz really began in 1867, when, being then something past twenty-five years of age, he became a rancher in San Louis Obispo county. There he remained for four years, acquiring a practical

knowledge of the needs of newly opened land, and then, disposing of his holdings at that place, came to Monterey county and bought from a discouraged "squatter" the latter's right to preemption of a claim of a quarter of a section of land at the point later marked by the establishment of Metz station. Mr. Metz prospered there and after his initial improvements were well under way began to buy adjacent lands until in time he was the proprietor of a fine ranch of four hundred acres and came to be recognized as one of the substantial and influential landowners of that community. For years on this ranch Mr. Metz gave close attention to the breeding of high grade draft horses and in that connection will ever be remembered by the farmers and horsemen of this region for the very essential service he thus rendered in raising the standards of horses in this section.

In 1864 he then being twenty-three years of age, William H. H. Metz was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Whitfield, who was born in the state of Arkansas but who had been a resident of California since she was six years of age. To this union were born six children, two daughters, Flora and Anna, and four sons, William H. H., Jr., James J., Walter N. and Ralph L. Metz.

Mr. Metz was an active and helpful figure in local civic affairs. As road master in his section he had charge of the roads from Gonzales to King City and in that capacity did much to advance the good-roads cause in the district over which his jurisdiction extended. In 1902 he was elected supervisor for his district and as such also rendered useful public service. Having in his youth recognized the great need of better schools Mr. Metz was all his life interested in the development of the local schools and for twenty years gave his services to the public as school trustee and clerk of the schools in his district, rendering thus a service which will long be remembered. In other ways he did well his part in the development of the community of which he was a pioneer.

ARTHUR G. METZ.

Arthur G. Metz is a well known realtor of Monterey who has been closely associated with the city's development. He was formerly president of the Chamber of Commerce, was one of the founders of the First National Bank of Monterey; for years a member of the Monterey city council and also for years a member of the board of school trustees. A native son of California, he has lived in this state all his life, and has been a resident of Monterey county since the days of his boyhood.

Mr. Metz was born in the city of San Francisco, October 17, 1878, and is a son of John and Josephine (Zimmerman) Metz, who were married in this state and who later became residents of Monterey county. The late John Metz was a native of the old "Buckeye" state and was but a child when his parents and their several children left Ohio and migrated to the then territory of Iowa. Two years later they moved into southern Missouri and in 1855 left that state and with a wagon train crossed the plains and the mountains to California, settling in the Santa Clara valley in the vicinity of San Jose. Some time after his marriage John Metz removed to Monterey county and became one of the pioneers of this section of the state. One of his brothers, the late William H. H. Metz, also settled here and was the founder of the village of Metz.

A. G. Metz completed his early education in the Salinas high school and then began to read law in furtherance of a youthful ambition to become a member of the bar. Circumstances intervened, however, and before he could complete his law studies he was compelled to go to work. It was thus that he started on a commercial and general business career instead of becoming a lawyer as his early ambition had directed. His first work was as a clerk in a grocery store at Monterey, a service which he carried out with such effectiveness and faithfulness that he presently was advanced to the position of manager of the store. For nine years Mr. Metz continued in the grocery business, in the meantime becoming an interested participant in general development work in his home town, and when the First National Bank of Monterey was organized he became one of the stockholders in that concern, was elected a member of the board of directors and was made cashier of the institution. For eight years Mr. Metz

continued to serve the bank as cashier and gradually found himself becoming deeply interested in the local realty market, developing interests in that direction that finally required his undivided attention. He then resigned his position in the bank and has since been devoting his time chiefly to the extension of his real estate business, in which he has long been regarded as one of the leaders on this section of the coast.

Mr. Metz's business activities have not interfered with that measure of attention a good citizen owes to the public service and he has rendered valuable service in various capacities in the public weal, this service including fifteen years spent as a member of the common council of the city of Monterey and a considerable period as a member of the local school board. In both these capacities Mr. Metz did much in the promotion of the common good hereabout, his service in the council having come at a time when vigorous and progressive action was needed in that body and his service in behalf of the schools was likewise vigorous and progressive, so that it properly may be said he has proved a valuable factor in advancing the material and social interests of his home town. In his relations to the general commercial interests of the city he also has been a vigorous force in the Monterey Chamber of Commerce and during his term of service as president he succeeded in putting on foot several advanced movements in the way of municipal and commercial progress. He thus has long been looked upon as one of the real promoters of the community and has ever contributed liberally of his means and his time in advancing the common interest. Mr. Metz is enthusiastic in the cause of the Sons of the Golden West, of which organization he has for years been a member. He is also affiliated with the local lodges of the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and the Loyal Order of Moose. He admits that his chief diversion is fishing and is an ardent disciple of the gentle Izaak Walton.

On June 17, 1902, A. G. Metz was united in marriage to Miss Laura Tagnazzi, a native of California, daughter of B. G. Tagnazzi of San Luis Obispo, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Doan E. Metz, who is still in school. Mrs. Metz was reared in California and the traditions of the Golden West are dear to her, even as they are to her husband. They have a pleasant home at Monterey, residing on El Caminito street, and have ever taken an interested and helpful part in the general social and cultural activities of the city and of the community at large.

CLIFFORD M. BLABON.

Clifford M. Blabon, of 240 King street, Santa Cruz, is a well known general contractor, whose valuable experience, together with his disposition to both serve and accommodate, is an asset of incalculable worth. In Contra Costa county on December 2, 1884, he first saw the light, and he is a son of Moses L. and Marie Ray Blabon, but he hardly knew his father, who died when our subject was a little child. He was a native of Maine. The mother had crossed the great plains when she was a little girl, and, young as she then was, she can still remember what to her were thrilling experiences—the lot of so many pioneers risking all in order to reach the Promised Land. Her family having settled in Placerville, she attended school there while being reared to young womanhood. They came originally from Missouri.

Clifford M. Blabon did what he could to let the country school teachers know that he was present in body as well as in spirit, and as a boy, after school hours, had his share of chores to do about the farm. He then served for four years as an apprentice to the machinist's trade in the Union Iron Works in San Francisco, and for several years he followed his trade.

With additional experience, Mr. Blabon finally entered the building field, commencing in the metropolitan city of San Francisco, and from there he went to Oakland, a town affording plenty of opportunity for a man to test and be tested. Going to San Jose, he bought the stage line running between San Jose and Santa Cruz, and for seven years tried his fortunes there. In 1918 he sold out and permanently located in Santa Cruz, having already taken up his domicile here before he said goodbye to staging. He had rather intended to retire, but seeing the opportunities for the right kind of a contractor in building, he hung out his shingle anew. Since then, he has constructed some of the most modern homes in the city.

Mr. Blabon married Miss Zada L. Totman, and they have two children, namely: Carol and Avis. Mr. Blabon is decidedly a home man, save when the "fishin' is good," and then he does not wish to tarry in town, not even for politics, although he is a stand-patter republican. All in all, Mr. Blabon is an ideal citizen, making a good neighbor and a tip-top friend.

NORMAN HANSEN.

Forest Glen, at Aptos, in Santa Cruz county, under the local management of the genial and accommodating Norman Hansen, a native San Franciscan, is one of those delightful spots on this beautiful earth that to know is to admire and love. Mr. Hansen was born July 28, 1899, the son of Peter and Ellen (Jensen) Hansen, who removed to Aptos after the San Francisco earthquake and fire, so that he attended the public schools there. He also went to Watsonville for high school advantages. Having a good time during his school days he has become an enthusiastic advocate of the old-fashioned custom of occasionally "taking a day off," and thereby getting back to boyish recreation and delights, but he improved his opportunities and prepared for the tussle with the world ahead of him.

Once taking up the serious problems of life, Norman Hansen became secretary for Leavitt & Company, San Francisco, agents for the Oldsmobile, where he remained for two years; and then, for another two years, he was with the Overland Auto Company. At the early age of nineteen, however, he joined the United States army for service in the World war, but he was taken sick with pneumonia and had to leave the service. He had done what he could, however, in defense of country, national honor and democracy, and he turned back to the paths of peace with a clear conscience and a calm mind.

Mr. Hansen returned to Aptos and soon afterward contracted to take charge of Forest Glen, a charming retreat in Trout Gulch, where cabins are built for summer homes. Under his management this resort has given more and more satisfaction to all who visit the place. He is president of the alumni of the Aptos grammar school and is a Master Mason. He is fond of hunting and fishing when in need of stimulating diversion.

JOSEPH T. WEBER.

Joseph T. Weber, of 303 Juripero street, Pacific Grove, is well trained in interior and exterior decorating with special natural gifts for his artistic work. An experienced contractor, his patrons find they may entrust to him any commission of large proportions or intricate details, and know that the work will be executed in the best style, at the most moderate cost possible. Mr. Weber was born at San Francisco, December 13, 1900, and his parents were Charles T. and Josephene (Bennett) Weber, the former a native of Germany, the latter a daughter of the Swiss republic. For forty years Mr. Weber has been a painting contractor and for years before the great however, when grim disaster swept away all that thousands had, Mr. Weber was one of those who lost heavily. Removing to Pacific Grove, he conducted a business here until about three years ago, when he sold out to his son. He decorated the old school houses in Pacific Grove, recently torn down to make room for larger and more modern schools, and he decorated the attractive Episcopal church, St. Mary's-by-the-Sea, and also many residences and business blocks in Monterey and Pacific Grove.

Joseph Weber attended the schools of Pacific Grove and then learned his trade under the able direction of his father. In the early fall of 1921, at the time of his father's retirement he bought out the business. Whatever he has undertaken has always shown first-class workmanship, as demonstrated in the Walter I. Newlove residence on Pine street, one of the finest modern homes in Pacific Grove. He also did the decorating for E. Cooke Smith, for the John Tenent Memorial Home, and the new gymnasium of the high school. He has done much decorating for W. P. Sweeney, the

building contractor, and other edifices which exemplify his taste and skill are the Seaside School, and many garages and business blocks in Monterey. The total number of buildings expertly handled in the two cities by Mr. Weber indicate the high standard and excellence of all of his work.

Mr. Weber is a member of the Monterey County Builders' Association, in which he has become a leading spirit. Fraternally he is one of the Knights of Columbus, of Monterey, and a member of Monterey Lodge, No. 1285, of the Elks. He also belongs to the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce.

LUKE GEORGE BACHAN.

An expert packer of choice apples who has the double advantage of both growing much of his output and enjoying the best organized facilities for shipping, is Luke George Bachan, of Watsonville. He also came from Dalmatia, where he was born February 28, 1889, the son of Luke Bachan, a hardworking farmer whom he never knew, for he passed away when the son, L. G., was about three years old. His devoted mother is still living, however, at her comfortable home in the old world.

The Dalmatian schools gave Mr. Bachan his first help toward independence and that meant much, for he was compelled as a boy to go to work in the orchards and he also did farm work. On October 6, 1907, he landed in New York, eager to try his fortune under the more favoring Stars and Stripes; and soon after setting foot on American soil he boarded a train and started for California.

On the 13th of October, 1907, Mr. Bachan reached the Pajaro valley and immediately went to work for Stolich Brothers, as a packer of apples. Later for five months, he was in the service of M. N. Lettunich and in May, 1908, M. L. Kalich engaged him. He was sufficiently well satisfied with his post and he remained with the latter until June, 1910, when he embarked in business for himself. Luckily, he had been able to save a little money from his dollar-a-day income, and, though his beginning was unpretentious enough, he has been, by hard work, foresight and thrift, very successful. This is evidenced by the fact that he has just bought the Dunbar & Hansen plant, with all the equipment—a very important adjunct. His success here has developed an intense interest on his part in all that pertains to the growth and future of Watsonville, and he does all in his power to advance the interests of both city and county.

Mr. Bachan has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Tresa De Lares, by whom he has had two children, Catherine Anna and Luke George, Jr. Mrs. Bachan, who was beloved by all who knew her, died November 1, 1922, and he subsequently married Miss Maria P. Alaga, by whom he has one child, Alice Maria. He is a republican; has attained to the third degree in the Knights of Columbus; is a Forester of America; and belongs to the the Austrian-American Benevolent Association. Despite his busy life, he is able at times to enjoy his love of hunting.

F. M. GARRISON.

An experienced, well informed real estate and insurance broker who has done much to stabilize realty and to encourage the thrifty habit of policy-taking, is F. M. Garrison, of 67 Pacific avenue, Santa Cruz, a native of the great Hawkeye state, having been born at Fayette, Iowa, December 27, 1856. His father was Francis M. Garrison, and his mother, before her marriage, was Sarah M. Griffith. These worthy pioneers came to California in 1874, and having left the train at Turlock, they settled where Los Banos now is, remaining there for a year. In 1875 they removed into Fresno county, and there, while Mr. Garrison was a cattleman, his good wife was a public school teacher. In 1884 they removed northward into Oregon, where in April, 1890, Mr. Garrison died. Mrs. Garrison survived until 1909, when she passed away in Fresno county, California.

F. M. Garrison attended various schools, going first to the public grammar school in Fresno, then to the Lincoln School in San Francisco, and after that to a high school

in Oregon. He began his business career as one of the crew on a pile-driving outfit, but the principal part of his life was spent in the San Joaquin valley in the real estate field, with his headquarters at Sanger. At that period he handled a large amount of realty, greatly enlarging his experience, and when he came to Santa Cruz in October, 1919, he was well posted on conditions generally in California. He has come to handle subdivisions, and that means that he makes them go. A republican in matters of national political import, Mr. Garrison, like his distinguished namesake of the Civil war time, always stands for protection to America's best interests.

Mr. Garrison was married to Miss Hattie A. Joy, a native of Hancock county, Maine, and they have one daughter, Carlotta, and a grandchild, Carlotta Fairchild. Mr. Garrison belongs to the Woodmen of the World, is also a Mason and as a recreation turns to hunting and fishing.

A. E. MORELLI.

The historian of the future in making up an estimate of the basic elements of the population of the state of California will be compelled to give proper credit to the influence exerted in the development of the state by that sturdy Alpine strain so prominently represented throughout this section by many of this ancient Swiss stock who have become leaders in development work here, particularly in those great interests and industries based upon the dairy and horticultural products of the state. Any analysis of the commercial and industrial situation here will prove convincing of the important part taken in its development by the hardy and resolute representatives of this Alpine strain who got a start here when the land was being made to give up its treasures of field and orchard and who now in the second and third generation are found to be the leaders in much of this continued development, being among the most influential factors in the creation of conditions that have helped so largely in achieving California's present supremacy in her own distinctive field. Among these leaders in the Santa Cruz country there are few who are better known or who have been more influential in local development than A. E. Morelli, secretary and manager of the great Coast Dairies & Land Company of Davenport and for years one of the important agents in the conspicuous promotion of the dairy and horticultural interests of this region. It therefore is but proper and fitting that in this definite history of the region in which his services have so long and so usefully been rendered there should be presented some modest review of Mr. Morrelli's life.

A. E. Morelli is a native son of the republic of Switzerland, born in the canton of Tessin, January 20, 1868, and is a son of Michael and Santina Morelli, also natives of that Alpine country, whose last days were spent in Switzerland. Michael Morelli when fifteen years of age made his way to Australia with his father, remaining there for about eight years and returning to Switzerland in 1864. There he married and three children were born to the union. When A. E. Morelli, the youngest of the three, was only an infant his mother died and soon after the father came to the United States and in California went into the dairy business, remaining in it until 1878, when he sold out and went back to his children in Switzerland. In 1882, after having received a fair education, A. E. Morelli decided to leave the town of Cevio, Switzerland, and come to California and be as successful as his father. On arriving here he went to work in the dairy that was formerly owned by his father, remaining there for four years. He afterward went to Oregon and was connected with construction work. Returning to California he tried the dairy, grocery and hotel business, with some success.

In 1906 Mr. Morelli joined the Coast Dairies & Land Company of Davenport and in time was elected secretary of that organization, the affairs of which he since has been managing. This has brought about the development of a new and important industry and the distribution of a product which has become famous as a food delicacy throughout this country. For some time after its establishment this company confined itself to the dairy industry, the lumber and hotel business, but in 1916 began in a small way to experiment in the culture of artichokes, starting with a tentative bed of fifty-two plants. It was found that soil and climate in the Davenport region were

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particularly well adapted for the proper cultivation of this toothsome vegetable and the products of these initial beds passed so admirably all the tests provided that it was determined to pursue their culture on a commercial basis. The introduction on the market of the Davenport artichokes created an instant demand and that demand has increased with the growing fame of this particular brand of edible until now the company has about one thousand acres devoted to artichoke culture in Davenport. Other farmers have become interested in the business and today there are over three thousand acres in Santa Cruz county planted in artichokes, so that the business now exceeds two million dollars annually. Nine hundred acres of this land was formerly used for pasture and had to be cleared of brush and greasewood. Where first only five men were employed to care for the crop there are about four hundred men engaged in this work today.

In addition to his extensive interests in this company Mr. Morelli has considerable holdings in other lines and has long been recognized as one of the substantial citizens of Santa Cruz county and of this section of California. He is the vice president of the Ocean Shore Canning Company of Half Moon Bay, is a member of the board of directors of the Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce and in other ways takes an interested and helpful part in the general affairs of the community.

It was in 1892, at Salinas, that A. E. Morelli was united in marriage to Miss Eugenia Leoni and they have five children, Lilly, Michael, Roy, Adelina and Mable, and ten grandchildren in whom they take much pride and delight. Mrs. Morelli is a native daughter of California, born at Watsonville, Santa Cruz county, and is a daughter of John Leoni, who was one of the early settlers in that section. He was of Swiss birth and his wife, Juanita Artellan, was of French stock, though born in Monterey, California. The Morellis are republicans and have ever taken an interested part in local civic affairs. Mr. Morelli was one of the organizers of the local lodge of the Foresters of America at Davenport and has long been active in the affairs of that organization.

STEVE C. BRESCHINI.

Steve C. Breschini, is a retired citizen of Salinas, prominent among the retired of Monterey county, and one who enjoys the confidence, esteem and good will of a wide circle of acquaintances. A native of Switzerland, he was born September 4, 1870, and having started with certain advantages of boyhood in the sturdy little republic, he grew up to have enterprise enough to borrow the money with which to migrate to America, at the age of eighteen. He pushed on to California, and arrived at Monterey on February 15, 1888. Here he worked in the dairy of Bob Saliacci, in the Alisal district, the first year, receiving a wage of twenty dollars per month and later twenty-five dollars. After two years, he was given profitable employment in his uncle's dairy. In the same county, were two of his brothers, John and Ben, with whom in 1894 Mr. Breschini bought out Peter Taglio, at Blanco. He conducted a dairy for two years on the Bardin Ranch after which he sold out his share of that ranch, rented his uncle's place two miles distant and ran a dairy. After that, he engaged in sugar-beet and potato farming and so successful was he that he grew seven thousand sacks of potatoes on one hundred acres in one year and two thousand five hundred tons of sugar-beets from the same land the next year. He sold potatoes for from 45 cents to 55 cents per sack, and received four dollars per ton for his beets. For thirteen years he was also engaged in the dairying on the McCoy rancho near Gonzales, in Monterey county, paying a rental of ten dollars per acre. For fourteen years he followed farming and then sold out to his brother Brazil, and in 1907, with his brother John, bought the property at the corner of Alisal and Main streets, in Salinas. This is known as the Pacific Hall Building, and he still owns this valuable realty. In 1918, he established the Moss Rose Dairy on Main street, in Salinas, and from there he conducted a milk route in Salinas. In 1920, he erected the modern business block which bears his name on East Alisal street, in November of that year selling out his business in the Moss Rose Creamery to J. G. Dietrich. Now, retired from active labor, he is the center of an appreciative circle, all of whom are glad that he and his devoted wife are permitted to take it easier in their declining years.

On December 11, 1904, Mr. Breschini was married to Miss Dena Catti, also a native of Switzerland, and they have two attractive children: Walter, aged eighteen, in the high school, and Katherline, aged twelve. Three times, in 1903, 1914 and 1921, Mr. Breschini revisited Switzerland, looking up old home associations, the scenes of his boyhood and youth, and the faces or places of old, dear friends, but each time the proverbial lure of California brought him back to the Golden state and the shores of the Pacific; nor has he ever regretted that he repeatedly cast his lines here. He is a member of the Catholic church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party.

FREDERICK FRANCIS MAJORS.

A wide-awake, farseeing man, whose well formed purpose to serve and to please has given him an enviable reputation throughout the state with motorists touring this part of the country, is Frederick Francis Majors, director of the finely equipped and thoroughly sanitary auto camp at 101 Front street, Watsonville, of which city he is a native. He was born November 10, 1877, the son of Joseph Ladd and Ramona (Soto) Majors, substantial farmers. The father, now deceased, was born at Santa Cruz, and always had a fond recollection of the old town by the sea. The mother also came from an old, historic family, originally from Tennessee, that owned immense tracts, on one of which Watsonville now stands.

Frederick F. Majors attended the public schools, then assisted his father on the home farm, and finally farmed for himself. Later he was foreman for the Del Monte ranch for two years, and after that, for a year and a half, he had one of the best restaurants in Santa Cruz. After spending one year in the oil fields, he came to Watsonville, where he was connected with packing houses for five years and the next two years he spent on another ranch. The city of Watsonville had failed to make the auto camp pay, and he took charge of it with the intention of demonstrating that the motoring public never fails to appreciate a utility organized for their benefit. The grounds contain four acres, and the problem has not been to allure the motorist hither but the trouble is to get him to leave when his time is up for all who pass a night at the Watsonville auto camp want to stay there the rest of their lives.

By a former marriage, Mr. Majors had one son, Fred Joseph. In the year 1919 he was married to Mrs. B. Manning, of Fresno. Fraternally he is a member of the Order of the Eagles and in politics is an independent republican.

CARMEL MARTIN.

A prominent attorney who has well merited his professional advancement is Carmel Martin, of Monterey, near which historic city he was born, on the old Martin Rancho, in the vicinity of the famous Carmel Mission, on July 5, 1879, the son of John Martin who owned the land, in the center of which the Mission and last resting-place of Father Serra were located. Enjoying the advantages of a comfortable home, he attended the public schools of both Carmel and Monterey, and unwilling to rest upon his oars as a youth, progressed with credit through the State Normal school at San Jose.

Following his graduation he taught school for three years, and then, with added knowledge of human nature, entered the law school of Michigan University, at Ann Arbor, from which he was duly graduated with the coveted degree of LL. B., as a member of the noted class of '07. He then returned to California, opening an office in Monterey; and having many friends, among whom he had an enviable reputation as a young man and public-spirited, progressive citizen, he commenced that practice of law in which, ever since, he has been preeminently successful.

Becoming active in the councils of the democratic party, Mr. Martin was elected mayor of Monterey, and it was during his term of office that the new charter was adopted, so that he was really the first mayor to serve under it, and met the brunt natural in the enforcement of the new ordinances. He has also served for twelve

years as a trustee of the favorably-known high school, and it is fair to assume that a good portion of the credit for this very creditable institution of popular education is due to faithful discharge of his duty. Naturally, he is a member of both the State and County Bar Associations, and in this relation, as well as in the practice of his profession, reflects credit upon the legal history of California.

In June, 1912, Mr. Martin was married to Miss Lydia Wahl, a native of Stockton, and a daughter of Christian Wahl, one of the highly-esteemed residents of that up-to-date city. Five children have blessed this union: Douglas, John F., Carmel, Jr., Stewart and Ann. Mr. Martin has one hobby, in that he is very fond of baseball; and he was such a popular star of the 'Varsity team, that he was made a flattering offer to play professional baseball. The lure of his legal profession, however, saved him for a higher calling, to the gratification today of both colleague and client.

GEORGE A. SILVA.

George A. Silva, the genial and accommodating proprietor of the El Pajaro Gardens, at Pajaro, Watsonville, is a widely known florist of this locality. He was born at Pajaro on April 24, 1892, the son of Antone and Amelia (Rose) Silva. The father first settled near San Jose, California, but later farmed for some time at Pajaro, where he died when his son George A. was a boy of eight years. Mrs. Silva also comes from an old family, and some very interesting traditions have been handed down through her forefathers.

Having disposed of both the tasks and the pleasures of grammar school life at Pajaro, George A. Silva pursued a commercial course in a business college for two years, and then worked, in a clerical capacity, for the P. J. Freiermuth Company at Watsonville for seven years. Later he was for a year and eleven months in the United States service, being stationed at Camp Lewis and at Vancouver Barracks. Returning home, he was for one year with his former employers, and in 1921 he took charge of the El Pajaro Gardens, where he grows much of the flowers he ships so widely. His patrons include many local concerns and families, and both near and far he sells, in addition, a variety of bulbs. He belongs to the Native Sons of the Golden West and is fond of hunting and fishing as a recreation. In politics he is a republican.

Mr. Silva is a member of the Foresters, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Knights of Columbus, in which order he has attained to the third degree. He takes a live interest in Santa Cruz affairs, and stands ready to help "boost" either his town or county.

WILLIAM EDWARD MILLER.

Two generations of Millers have been active and helpful participants in the general development of the city of Santa Cruz, William Edward Miller, a widely known contractor of varied experience and substantial accomplishment who is continuing to carry on his business at Santa Cruz, being a worthy successor to his father, the late William Miller, widely known in his generation as a street contractor, who did much for the upbuilding of the city.

The late William Miller came to this country when sixteen years of age, making the passage in a sailing vessel which belonged to his uncle. He arrived in California in 1851 and for a time made his headquarters at the stage station of Searsville, presently going into San Mateo county and in 1858 became a resident of Santa Cruz, where the remainder of his life was spent—one of the useful and substantial citizens of that city. In 1865 he took out his naturalization papers and was ever after a stanch American. After his arrival in Santa Cruz he gradually worked up to a prominent position as a contractor, with particular reference to street work, and as a contractor in the employ of the city did the initial work in paving the down town streets and was for several terms city street superintendent. He also carried on an extensive business as a woods contractor, a buyer of standing timber, and in his day was widely known hereabout. He died at his home in Santa Cruz, December 23, 1913, respected

by all who knew him. William Miller married Christine Stubbe, a member of one of the pioneer families of California, and is survived by two sons, the subject of this biographical narrative having a brother, Prof. Hugo H. Miller, born in 1883, who was graduated from the California State University and who has for some years been engaged in educational service in the Philippines, a school man of note and an author of books on educational topics that have attained wide recognition in scholastic circles.

William E. Miller, son of William and Christine (Stubbe) Miller, was born at No. 26 Church street, Santa Cruz, in the year 1871, and has been a resident of this city all his life with the exception of a period spent in government service in the Hawaiian islands. His local schooling was supplemented by a course in the Chestnutwood's Business College and he early became associated with his father in the latter's contracting business, under this direction becoming an experienced general contractor, with particular reference to street and highway paving. For a time he had charge of the quarry work at Aromas and then, during the period of the provisional government in Hawaii, was in charge of certain important government works in the islands, continuing thus engaged until some time after annexation. Upon his return to Santa Cruz he again became associated with his father's activities in the contracting line and since his father's death in 1913 has carried on the business alone, one of the best known general contractors in this section of the state.

Mr. Miller married Miss Maud Fay Cole, also a member of one of the old families of California, and they have an adopted daughter, Helen. Mrs. Miller is a daughter of Edward W. Cole, a native of Illinois, who in the early '80s came to California and settled in San Luis Obispo. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are republicans. Mr. Miller is a member of the Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce, is affiliated with the local parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West and is also a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and of the Foresters of America.

REV. GEORGE L. LOBDELL, D. D.

Rev. George L. Lobdell, is pastor of the First Christian church, of Pacific Grove, and his efforts are constituting a valuable asset in the moral progress of the community. A native of New York, he was born at Sanford, Broome county, March 10, 1865, and is of Welsh descent, his parents tracing their family tree back to 1600.

In the beginning he attended the district schools and later became a student in the high school of Afton, New York. Later he took a commercial course at the Binghamton Business College, and became an instructor there. Subsequently he established the Lobdell Business College in Putnam, Connecticut, and on leaving the east went to Indiana, whence he removed to Oregon, where he was graduated from the State University and the Eugene Bible University, winning the degrees of B. D., A. M., and D. D.

His first pastorate was at Junction City, Oregon, his student church, and next he went to Dallas, Oregon. He next accepted a call to Chico, Butte county, California, in 1906, and there did excellent work as the pastor of the Christian church for six years. He was then pastor of the church of the same denomination for three years at Stockton, San Joaquin county, was at Eureka for two years, at Petaluma for five years, and became a resident of Pacific Grove in 1922. While in Chico he built a new house of worship and added four hundred and fifty members to the church in six years. While in Stockton he started the movement for the erection of a new one hundred thousand dollar church. At Eureka he brought three hundred professing Christians into the fold and he had the largest Sunday school of any church in Humboldt county. During the war, he was one of the four-minute men in Petaluma. He is now treasurer of the state missionary board, and has been a member of the board for a number of years. His church in Pacific Grove leads all Christian churches in the state, per capita, in giving to foreign missions, and is strongly organized in all its branches of work.

Dr. Lobdell belongs to the Blue Lodge of Masons at Stockton, and the Scottish Rite bodies of Santa Rosa. He is a member of the Elks lodge of Petaluma and also belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

Dr. Lobdell was married Novebmer 16, 1902 to Miss Eugenie O'Connor, a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music at Boston. She studied under prominent vocal teachers and was a teacher of music in the Mary Nash College of Music at Sherman, Texas. She also taught music at the State Normal School, at Danville, Indiana, and was teacher of music in the Eugene Bible University, at Eugene, Oregon. She is a mezzo soprano of fine quality and power and has a class of pupils in Pacific Grove, in voice culture, all of whom appreciate her guiding powers. She is a soloist in the church and acts as choir leader. Rev. and Mrs. Lobdell have two children: Frances, aged thirteen, born in Chico, and Robert, aged eight, born in Stockton. By a former marriage, Dr. Lobdell has a daughter, Esther, wife of Thomas Gray, of San Francisco. The family of Dr. Lobdell occupies an enviable position in those social circles where intelligence, culture and true worth are accepted as passports. Throughout the years of his connection with the ministry—years spent entirely on the Pacific coast—he has not only labored most earnestly but, also most effectively, in the upbuilding of the Christian church, his influence and labors being far-reaching.

JUDGE FRED A. TREAT.

Judge Fred A. Treat is a member of the California bar who has enjoyed an enviable practice in Monterey and is now serving as judge of the superior court, having been elected to the bench in November, 1924. He was born at Salinas, November 29, 1873. His father, Willard F. Treat, was a native of the Empire state and married Miss Sophrina Howell, a belle of old Virginia. Mr. Treat came to California in 1865 and settled for a while in Eldorado county. With the money he had made at the mines, he purchased a ranch of one hundred and eighty-five acres in Monterey county, and in 1867 moved onto the property. For thirty-five years he tilled the soil and there also raised fine cattle. In 1900 he settled in Salinas, and built a number of houses, but in 1911, passed away, a year after his wife had breathed her last.

Fred Treat attended the public schools in Salinas, and then, from 1903 to 1907 atended the Stanford University, taking the law course. In 1907 he passed the California bar examination and was admitted to practice. He then continued to practice in Salinas until he came to Monterey. He has served as district attorney and after leaving that office acted as deputy district attorney. He has proved most efficient in the office of attorney of Monterey and since his elevation to the bench as superior court judge has made an excellent record by his impartial rulings.

Miss Ellena H. Watson, a member of an old pioneer circle of Monterey, and the daughter of Thomas Watson, ex-sheriff of Monterey county, became Mrs. Treat when they were married at Salinas, California, in 1902. Four children have been born of this marriage: Mrs. Freda McGregor; Eloy, Marjorie and Fred A., Jr., who are at school. As a side interest Judge Treat is engaged in farming and dairy-ranching. He belongs to the Salinas Lodge of Elks, of which he is a charter member and he likes the open, with its sports and recreations. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and in many tangible ways he has exerted a positive and beneficial influence on public affairs.

JAMES A. HALL.

James A. Hall, one of the veteran lawyers of California, a practitioner in this state for more than forty years, now and for many years engaged in practic in Watsonville, former mayor of that city, a former representative of this district in the state legislature, former district attorney of Santa Cruz county, for the past twenty years and more a member of the local board of education and in other ways one of the most active participants in the general development of the cultural influences that have been so effective in this section of the state, is a native son of California and has been a resident of this state all his life. He was born on a farm in the Watsonville neighborhood, over the line in Monterey county, November 9, 1857, and is a son of

Richard F. and Maria L. (Stinson) Hall, natives of Virginia, who came to California in 1849, following their marriage, and who presently settled in Monterey county, in the vicinity of Watsonville, where R. F. Hall became a substantial farmer and landowner.

Reared on the home farm, James A. Hall finished his early education in the Watsonville schools and early took up the study of law. After a course of preparatory study in the University of California, he went to San Francisco and in the Hastings College of Law completed this course and was admitted to the bar in 1880, then being in his twenty-third year. In the next year (1881) Mr. Hall became engaged in practice in Watsonville and has since been practicing law in that city, one of the best known lawyers in this section of California. For ten years he was a representative member of the law firm of Cross, Hall, Ford & Kelly, with general offices in San Francisco.

In 1882, the year after he had opened his office for practice in Watsonville, Mr. Hall was elected to the office of district attorney for Santa Cruz county and in that capacity rendered public service for one term. In 1888 he was elected to represent his district in the lower house of the state legislature and thus extended his acquaintance in general political and civic circles. Later and for one term (1911-13) he served as mayor of the city of Watsonville, during that incumbency doing much to advance the general interests of his home town. Mr. Hall has ever been an ardent advocate of the best obtainable in the way of local schools and for about twenty years has rendered efficient service as a member of the Watsonville school board. His wife formerly was a teacher in the schools of Monterey county and she has been an enthusiastic and effective aid to him in his service in that connection, as well as a valued helpmate in the exacting duties of his professional life.

In 1902 James A. Hall was united in marriage to Miss Louise M. McCarthy, who was born in San Jose, daughter of Joseph McCarthy. To Mr. and Mrs. Hall three children have been born: A son, Warren J., and two daughters, Alice M. and Hazel, the last named of whom died in infancy. Miss Alice M. Hall was graduated from the Watsonville high school with the class of 1925 and is at home; Warren J. Hall was graduated in 1920 and is now on the staff of the Examiner in San Francisco. The Halls are democrats and for many years Mr. Hall has been recognized as one of the leaders of that party in this section of the state, for more than twenty years, rendering effective service in behalf of his party as a member of the county central committee of that party, thus coming to be known as one of the real "wheel-horses" of democracy hereabout.

THOMAS C. EDWARDS, M. D.

Dr. Thomas C. Edwards, physician and surgeon, enjoys an enviable position in his profession, by reason of his ability and scientific attainments. A native of Missouri, he was born at Columbia, since made famous for its educational centers, and there first saw the light on August 24, 1860. When fifteen years of age he left his native district and came west, settling in Woodland, Yolo county in 1875. Having finished his public school course, he matriculated in the Hesperian College of Woodland and in 1881 was graduated, winning the Bachelor of Arts degree, after which, two years later, he was graduated from the St. Louis Medical College, winning the M. D. degree.

With this excellent preparation, Dr. Edwards began the practice of medicine in Salinas in the spring of 1883, and with forty-one years of successful professional labor to his credit, it is natural that he should be regarded as the dean of the medical profession, an enviable honor which he bears well. Indeed, such has long been his standing among physicians and surgeons of the Golden state, that in 1923 he was elected to the presidency of the State Medical Association—a distinction not often tendered the professional man in a small town. In June, 1924, he relinquished this responsible office under conditions flattering to him in the extreme. For twenty years, too, he has been a member of the Council of the State Medical Association of California, and on his retirement from the chair, in June, 1924, he was again elected a

member of the State Council. He was once more honored, in May, 1924, as a delegate to the National Medical Association, meeting at Chicago in June, 1924. Outside his profession his business interests are few but he is a director of the Salinas City Bank.

Dr. Edwards has served as a member of the city council of Salinas, and also of the Salinas board of health. He has long been an advocate of prohibition working early and late to advance the cause and secure for the benefit of humanity the beneficent influences arising therefrom. He has also been chairman of the Good Government League in Salinas, his influence at all times being on the side of reform, progress and constructive effort.

When Dr. Edwards was married he chose for his wife Miss Grace McCandless, of Illinois, a gifted lady, to whom five children were granted. The four still living are: Elma E., the wife of J. Carl Whitmore, of San Francisco; Alfred C. Edwards; Gladys B., the wife of Walter Hood, of San Francisco; and Karl E. Edwards. The Doctor belongs to the Rotary Club, and was elected a delegate to represent the local club at the national meeting at Toronto, Ontario, in June, 1924. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Salinas Lodge, No. 204, F. & A. M., in which he is a past master; Salinas chapter, No. 39, R. A. M., and to the Scottish Rite bodies. He also belongs to Salinas Lodge, No. 614, B. P. O. E. A summary of his career shows his life to be one of broad usefulness, not only in the line of his profession, in which he has attained distinction, but also in those wide fields which touch the general interests of society and make the world a cleaner and better place in which to live.

GERALD SHEEHY.

An enterprising man of affairs who has developed a very interesting industry, is Gerald Sheehy, the well known bean cleaner of 227 Maple avenue, Watsonville, in which town he was born November 2, 1894. His father was Jerry Sheehy, also a native of Watsonville. His paternal grandfather came here at an early day, crossing the great plains to thrust his plowshare into the unturned soil. Both grandfather and father were farmers. The latter died in 1913, surviving his good wife, who was Miss Fanny McGovern before her marriage, just two years. Both deserved and received the honors due them as pioneers who had helped to make straighter and easier the pathways for others.

Gerald Sheehy attended the parochial schools and later Santa Clara University for one year, and after starting out in life for himself owned and managed a ranch for three years. In 1917 he engaged in packing, making a specialty of beans and potatoes, and he has evolved what is perhaps the best process for cleaning beans, handling them for the farmer and making them ever so much more acceptable for the market.

Mr. Sheehy was married in 1919, in Hollister, Miss Elsie Regan becoming his wife. She too is a representative of an old time family. Two children, Mary and Marjorie M., have blessed this union. Mr. Sheehy is a democrat, and as such was glad to support the democratic president of the hour by enlisting for Uncle Sam's service in the World war, on December 15, 1917. He joined the Balloon Division, and saw one year's service. His public-spiritedness leads him to support any candidate or any measure well endorsed for the benefit of the community, and this means that he has implicit confidence in the future of Santa Cruz county.

SIDNEY RUTHVEN.

A general contractor whose successful operations have for long reflected a valuable experience and an enviable dependability that could not have failed to assure prosperity, is Sidney Ruthven of Monterey. He was born in London, England, June 24, 1877, a son of Christopher Charles and Jemima Ruthven, and grandson of a

famous Bow Street runner, who, as a detective, arrested many noted criminals. Mr. Ruthven lived to be eighty-three years of age.

Sidney Ruthven attended the schools of England and then assisted his father in taking care of the family property. At the age of twenty-two, however, he left home and crossed the Atlantic. For two years he lived in Portland, after which he made his way to San Francisco. He had a brother who was in poor health, then living in Los Gatos, and of whose whereabouts he learned through a cousin, and he went there to take care of the unfortunate one. While he had learned the stonemason's trade he had never worked as a carpenter but he built a log cabin at Capitola and worked on the railroad—undertaking to do anything possible in order to help his brother. Later he removed to San Francisco and took up the stonemason's trade, serving an apprenticeship of three years. He next accepted a position with the Granite Rock Company, of Watsonville, and was sent to superintend the construction of several large buildings, notably the Susanville high school, the Spreckels Sugar Plant, at Spreckels, and the Wells Fargo stables at San Francisco. Later still he was for two years foreman with the Berger Manufacturing Company.

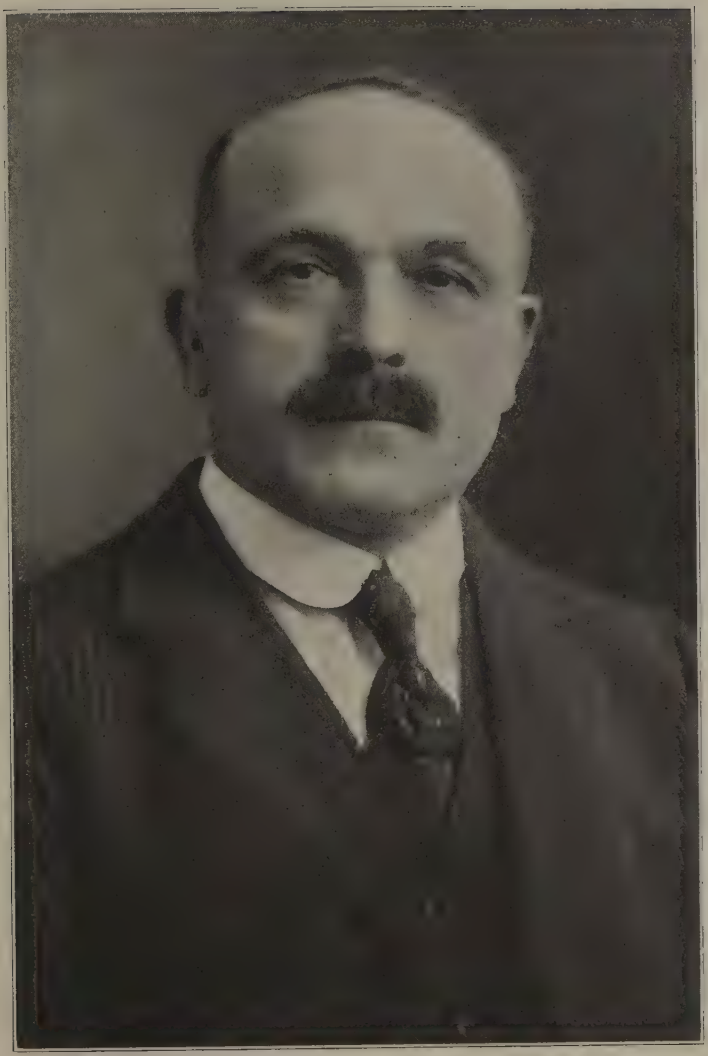
In 1911 Mr. Ruthven saw an excellent opportunity to embark in business for himself at Monterey and since then he has done much street paving. He had contracts for Main street in Carmel, and Ocean avenue and Franklin street, in Monterey. He also constructed the Larkins Street cement bridge in Monterey, and the sum-total of his successful work has made him naturally a man of importance in the business circles of his community. He deals in building materials, sand and gravel, and has been very successful in the construction of up-to-date sewers.

Mr. Ruthven married Miss Terezie Sperl, a native of Bohemia. Mr. Ruthven belongs to the Monterey Chamber of Commerce and is a republican in his political views. A member of the Masonic order he has passed through the chairs to Master, as he has also been through the Knight of Pythias chairs, and he is one of the popular Elks.

DORILLO MORELLI.

In that numerous group of persons of Swiss birth or descent who have done much for the commercial and industrial development of this section of California, there are few better known nor in more responsible position than Dorillo Morelli, a well established merchant of the thriving village of Davenport, who for the past twenty years has been engaged in the general merchandise business there, thus being known to everyone in that section of the coast country in Santa Cruz county. He is of European birth, but has been a resident of California since the days of his boyhood and thus is thoroughly familiar with local conditions and with the general traditions of this region, a wideawake and enterprising merchant, ever alive to the growing needs of the fine trade area centering in Davenport. He was born on a farm in the canton of Ticino in the republic of Switzerland, April 15, 1872, and is a son of Peter and Candina Morelli, also natives of that country, substantial farming people, who spent all their lives in their native land.

Dorillo Morelli was reared in his homeland, receiving his education in the neighborhood schools, and remained there until he was fifteen years of age when, in 1887, he came to the United States and by prior arrangement joined kinsfolk who had settled in this part of California some time before. He became employed on a dairy ranch in San Diego county and was thus engaged until his marriage thirteen years later when, in 1900, he made his home in Monterey county. There he was connected with dairy interests for a year, at the end of which time he moved to Yellow Bank, Santa Cruz county, and was engaged in dairying there when in 1906 the big plant of the Santa Cruz Portland Cement Company of San Francisco was established in Davenport, creating there a quite attractive trade center. Recognizing the opportunity thus created for the development of a profitable commercial enterprise in the new village, Mr. Morelli, in association with Louis Moretti, opened a general store in Davenport and this mercantile partnership has ever since been maintained. Beginning in a small way, this business has expanded with the increasing needs of the trade area it serves, until now the store is one of the well stocked and well established



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commercial concerns in the county, doing a fine business and serving well the needs of its customers, who are made up largely of the families of the seven hundred employes of the great cement mill.

It was in 1900 that Dorillo Morelli was married, his bride being Miss Florence Sparoline, also a native of the republic of Switzerland, who had come to California in 1900 and who is a daughter of Peter and Mary Sparoline. Mr. and Mrs. Morelli have four children: Candina, Edith, Tillman and Irene, the first named of whom, Miss Candina Morelli, is a valued aid to her father in the management of the store in Davenport. The Morellis are republicans and have ever taken an interested part in the general civic affairs of the village, with the interests of which they have been prominently identified almost from the time of its establishment as a considerable trade center there, up the coast from the city of Santa Cruz.

JOHN L. SEMENZA.

There are few men better known in the fishing industry hereabout than John L. Semenza, manager of the local establishment of the Standard Fisheries in Santa Cruz. Mr. Semenza literally "grew up" in the fish business and is thus thoroughly familiar with all details of that trade. Though of European birth, he has been a resident of this country and of California since the days of his childhood and thus long ago adapted himself to American ways.

John L. Semenza was born in the kingdom of Italy, on April 13, 1881. When he came to this country with his parents, the family settled in California, locating in San Francisco, where his parents spent their last days. He thus had his schooling in San Francisco and grew up there. He early took to the fishing boats and in this way became thoroughly acquainted with the basic department of the fisheries industry, as related to the local field of trade. As an employe of the Standard Fisheries he gradually advanced in that employment until in 1923 he was made manager of the Santa Cruz branch of that great concern's operations and has since been thus engaged, a resident of Santa Cruz, in charge of both the wholesale and the retail trade of this company with a well equipped place of business on the municipal wharf.

Since taking up his residence in Santa Cruz Mr. Semenza has taken a proper interest in local affairs and is doing his part as a good citizen to help develop the commercial interests of the city. He is a democrat and also takes a proper interest in local civic affairs.

CHARLES M. RYAN.

An experienced plumber who is thoroughly familiar with the hardware trade is Charles M. Ryan, of the hardware and plumbing firm of L. C. Ryan & Sons, of Pacific Grove. A native of Kansas, he was born at Smith Center, Smith county, December 28, 1874, the son of Lewis C. and Dora (Chase) Ryan, the former a native of Iowa, and the latter of Ohio. Mr. Ryan emigrated to Kansas in 1870 and took up a homestead and timber claim in Smith county, and this desirable property remained in the family until six years ago, when it was sold by C. M. Ryan. The family came to California in 1895, and at first located in Los Gatos, Santa Clara county, and wherever they have pitched their tent it may safely be said that they left a progressive influence when departing. Two sons of this worthy couple are members of the firm of L. C. Ryan & Sons, these two being Charles M. and S. C. Ryan; and Glenn H. Ryan is an employee.

Some twenty-nine years ago, Charles M. Ryan bought out the hardware business of Richardson Brothers, of Pacific Grove, and the new firm was first known as Ryan & Chase; Charles Ryan had learned his trade of plumbing and metal working in Pacific Grove and for five and one-half years was located at Bakersfield. The concern of which he is the head is the pioneer hardware establishment in Pacific Grove, and under his foresight and enterprising leadership the business has been built up to its present enviab e state. The firm makes a specialty of cottage and job work, and

carries a general stock of hardware. His enviable status in the industrial and financial world is evidenced by his being a director of the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce. He joined the Elks at Bakersfield in 1903, and is a charter member of Monterey Lodge, No. 1285, being one of the original twenty-six men to form the lodge.

Mr. Charles M. Ryan married Miss Monetti, a native of Mountain View, Santa Clara county, California. They have a daughter, Gladys, who is a student at the College of the Pacific, and an accomplished pianist, having studied since her sixth year. She has broadcasted over the radio, and undoubtedly has a brilliant future.

IRA M. BARDMESS.

An enterprising dealer in hay whose experience has enabled him successfully to handle both a retail and a wholesale trade, is Ira M. Bardmess. A native of Missouri, he was born on a farm, May 8, 1871, and is a son of Abraham and Nancy Rose (Gardner) Bardmess, who removed to Nevada when our subject was nine years old. There he remained until he had grown to manhood and then, in 1899, he came to California and settled in Watsonville. As a boy he pursued his studies in the Nevada schools and learning to handle stock, with the result that his first occupation in California was stock raising. Subsequently he conducted a feed stable for a number of years and gradually he worked into the wholesale hay trade. In roofing his hay, he has found it possible to house for others a number of automobiles. He owns a number of residences that he rents, fronting for one hundred and eighty-five feet on the Main street, Watsonville. He has been in his present location for twenty years, having bought this property when the rate per foot was very low.

In 1911 Mr. Bardmess married Miss Nellie Gardner, the ceremony taking place at San Jose, and to them have been born four children: Milton and Mildred, twins; Carl and Helen. By a former marriage Mr. Bardmess has two children, Hazel and Marion.

SILAS W. MACK.

The superior caliber of California lawyers is well exemplified in the life and career of the Hon. Silas W. Mack, a widely known and popular attorney and the efficient United States commissioner at Monterey. A native of the province of Quebec, Canada, he was born in Hatley township, Stanstead county, August 12, 1866, the eldest son of Carlos Franklin and Clara W. (Chamberlain) Mack, and spent his boyhood days on a farm. The first to bear the name in America, John Mack, came over in Governor Winthrop's colony in 1669, and a few years later settled in Lyme, Connecticut, whence his descendants removed years later to Marlow, New Hampshire. Among them was Squire Silas Mack who fought under General Stark in the war of the Revolution. Having pushed yet further north, the boundary line between the United States and Canada as established by treaty in 1842, found the descendants of this Squire Mack owning farms four miles north of the international boundary.

Silas W. Mack enjoyed the advantages offered by excellent Canadian schools and as a member of the class of '90 was graduated from McGill University, at Montreal, where he received the coveted Bachelor of Arts degree. He then took up teaching and for two years was principal of Dunham Academy in Quebec. In December, 1892, he decided to regain the citizenship which his forebears had unintentionally lost and came to California, making his way to the Salinas valley where his uncle, Charles G. Chamberlain, was then residing. Here he studied law in the offices of the late Hon. J. K. Alexander, at Salinas, and was admitted to the bar in 1894. He then opened up an office in Gonzales and for eight years practiced there.

In May, 1903, Mr. Mack came to the Monterey peninsula and he has since here steadily built up a lucrative practice. In 1912 he was appointed United States commissioner for the northern district of California by the late Judge J. De Hayden. The First National Bank of Monterey was organized in his office over twenty years ago and he is still a director and the vice president of that bank. He was also one of

the organizers of the Bank of Carmel, of which he is also director. He has served as president of the board of trustees of the Pacific Grove high school. In national politics he is a republican.

Mr. Mack was married October 16, 1895, to Daisy Maud Winham, of Salinas, daughter of the late Dr. W. P. L. Winham, and the following children have blessed the union: Silas Franklin Mack, born August 27, 1899, a graduate of the University of California, now taking postgraduate work in the Biblical Seminary in New York and director of religious activities in the Community Presbyterian Church of Maplewood, New Jersey, and who was married to Miss Kathryn Kocher, of Berkeley, June 26, 1923; Wilfred Theodore Mack, born October 4, 1900, also a graduate of the University of California and now doing postgraduate work thereat; Henry Whitcomb Mack, born July 18, 1903, a junior in the same university and president of the Student Volunteer Union of Northern California; Arthur Frederick Mack, born August 29, 1906; and Dorothy Elizabeth Mack, born February 8, 1911.

Mr. Mack served as president of the Monterey Peninsula War Work Council during the World War; for twenty years was on the executive committee of the Cal. (N.) State Sunday School Association, of which he also was chairman for several years; and for many years has been a trustee of the Mt. Hermon Association. He is, needless to say, an enthusiastic student of the Bible having been a Bible teacher for about forty years during the last twenty of which he has also acted as superintendent of the Bible School of Mayflower Congregational church of Pacific Grove. Believing that every one should have some form of recreation, Mr. Mack indulges in botanical research and the study of archaeology and now has in course of preparation a genealogy of the allied families of Mack, Chamberlain, Winham and Clark.

RICHARD H. ROUNTREE.

Richard H. Rountree, for years under-sheriff of Santa Cruz county and one of the best known and most popular citizens of that county, is a native son of California, a member of one of the real pioneer families of this state, and has lived here all his life, connected with the sheriff's office in Santa Cruz since 1907. He was born in Santa Cruz, July 24, 1870, and is a son of Almus L. and Elizabeth (Hildredth) Rountree, the latter of whom was twice married and by her first husband, Ezekiel Rubottom, was the mother of two children, one of whom died in infancy. The other, Emphrey J. Rubottom, became a well known figure in the development of Santa Cruz county. Mrs. Rountree had come to California in 1852, crossing the plains from Missouri with her father, Jesse Hildredth, the family settling in the vicinity of the San Gabriel Mission in Los Angeles county, where she was married to Ezekiel Rubottom. After his death she became the wife of Almus L. Rountree and by this latter union was the mother of nine children, six of whom survive.

Almus L. Rountree, born in Memphis, Tennessee, October 28, 1828, and moving to Springfield, Missouri when four years of age, came into California by the northern route, in 1852, and presently became engaged in wheat farming in the Sacramento valley. When the Civil war broke out he was given charge of the wagon trains of the Banning Transportation Company, hauling supplies for the government to Yuma, and late in that same year, 1861, he opened in Santa Cruz the first butcher shop and retail meat market established there, where he made his home and where he spent the greater part of the remainder of his life. In 1868 he was elected sheriff of Santa Cruz county and served a term of two years in that important public office. He then was for a number of years engaged in farming and afterward in the hotel business, operating hotels in Felton and Davenport, and thus extended his acquaintance throughout this region. Almus L. Rountree died in 1900, and his widow survived him for six years. Richard H. was the sixth in order of birth of these nine children.

Richard H. Rountree completed his education in the schools of the village of Felton, Santa Cruz county, his father at that time being in the hotel business there, and his first real "job" was as a driver in hauling wood to the lime-kilns. He next became a clerk in one of the stores in Felton and afterward engaged in merchandis-

ing in Boulder Creek, a line which he followed for some years, or until in 1907, when he was appointed under sheriff of Santa Cruz county and has since made his home in Santa Cruz, where he and his family are very comfortably situated. Mr. Rountree's widely recognized capacity for public service in the department he so long has represented has kept him in that service during the successive incumbencies in the sheriff's office, and he has rendered continuous service in that office for nearly twenty years, which is believed to be a record in this part of the state, if not in the state at large.

On October 1, 1900, in San Jose, Richard H. Rountree was united in marriage to Miss Belle Simpson and they have two children: A son, Lowell Rountree, and a daughter, Miss Jane E. Rountree. Mrs. Rountree was born in San Bernardino county, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Simpson, and grew to womanhood in the beautiful valley of the Pajaro. The Rountrees are members of the Congregational church and politically are democrats, Mr. Rountree long having been recognized as one of the leaders of that party in his home county. He is a member of the parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West in Santa Cruz and is also affiliated with the local lodge of the Foresters of America, in the affairs of both of which organizations he takes an earnest interest.

NICHOLAS N. ALAGA.

An extensive shipper of apples, who is also his own grower and packer, is Nicholas N. Alaga, of 114 Maple avenue, Watsonville. Like many others in this locality, he was born in Dalmatia, February 18, 1874, his parents being Nicholas and Mary Lettunich. The mother is still living but the father, who was a hardworking farmer, is now dead.

Nicholas N. Alaga had rather a hard time acquiring his education after he had gone through the lower grades of the home schools, but has gained a good knowledge of affairs since coming to the United States at the age of seventeen years. After spending two years in San Francisco he went to Santa Clara valley, where he lived a similar length of time. Wherever he went, he kept his eyes and his ears open, the better to inform himself as to California conditions.

On the 14th of July, 1894, Mr. Alaga came to Watsonville and went to work for his uncle, Mr. Lettunich, acting as his foreman for some time. Having saved a little money he then embarked in business for himself as a buyer and shipper of fruit in 1898. From this small start, Mr. Alaga has attained to his present prosperity. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and is a third degree Knight of Columbus and a member of the Austrian Benevolent Society. Mr. Alaga was married in 1911 to Miss Teresa Farlan, a native of Eureka, Humboldt county, California, and they have two sons, Nicholas, Jr., and Lloyd.

FRANK LA VERNE BUCK.

Pacific Grove has long been fortunate in the high character and executive qualifications of her city councilmen, among whom is numbered Frank La Verne Buck, of 591 Pine Street. Far back, in the Argonaut year of '49, he was born, his natal day being December 1, and the place Bellevue, Huron County, Ohio. When four years of age he accompanied his family to Green Springs, Seneca county, that state, where he grew to manhood and pursued the usual educational courses. In the spring of 1870 the family took a trip to Dubuque, Iowa and after a time went to Lawrence, Kansas.

Frank L. Buck located at Austin, Minnesota and there for many years he made his home, engaging in the grocery business and also in farming. Removing to St. Paul, Minnesota, he conducted an ice business and also handled eggs, but in 1900, at the end of seven years, he came to California, accompanied by his wife, they arrived in Los Angeles, whence they went north to San Jose and San Francisco, and in the summer of the same year reached Pacific Grove, where he opened a restaurant, now

the office of the New Del Mar Hotel. It was a short-lived venture, however, and he closed its doors in the following October.

At Pacific Grove, Mr. Buck became acquainted with Tom A. Work, and from him purchased a half-interest in his business which was reorganized under the name of the T. A. Work Company. In three years' time, a corporation was formed, with T. A. Work, president; F. La V. Buck, vice-president; a Mr. Hendricks as secretary; and a Mr. Welch and Silas Mack as directors. After eight years, however, Mr. Buck retired from the company. Taking a trip to the San Joaquin valley, he bought an orange grove of twenty-one acres near Lindsay, Tulare County and this fine property he still owns. Then he built an attractive home on Pine Avenue, which he later traded for a fig and grape ranch near Reedley, Fresno county, and this desirable property he also still holds title to. The house which he now owns and occupies has been greatly improved and beautified with retaining wall, lawn and flowers, and is one of the attractive home places in the city.

Mr. Buck was the first president of the first Board of Trade of Pacific Grove, serving in that office for three years and he is now one of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the city council of Pacific Grove, elected to that responsible office in the Spring of 1924. He has done good work on the fire, water and parks committees, and he also serves on the committees having to do with ordinances, streets and sewers and finances. In politics he has always been a republican. He is president of the board of trustees of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Pacific Grove, and he belongs to the Pacific Grove Lodge, No. 331, F. & A. M. In the East, while a young man, he taught school in Kansas and in Minnesota, and he has always maintained his deep interest in educational matters.

Mr. Buck married Miss Ella Potter, a native of Sandwich, Illinois. They greatly enjoy travel and took a trip covering seven months, visiting many of the larger cities and points of interest, including Seattle, Duluth, Cleveland, Niagara Falls, New York city, Syracuse, Atlantic City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, New Orleans and Jacksonville, and Tampa, Florida. They also visited Key West and Havana and while in Cuba took a trip inland of 180 miles. Both Mr. and Mrs. Buck are widely known and enjoy the warm regard of a large circle of friends.

EARL D. EDDY, D. D. S.

Dr. Earl D. Eddy, of Salinas, prominent among the successful exponents of dental surgery according to twentieth century attainments and standards, was born in Chautauqua county, New York, April 9, 1853, a son of James and Dorcas Warner (King) Eddy, pioneers of the Empire state, who later removed to Pennsylvania. They were descendants of good old Colonial settlers of Rutland, Vermont, and were highly esteemed in their day.

James Eddy died when the Doctor was only nine years of age and thus when a mere lad he had to go to work early to earn his living. He remained at the home of his mother until he was eighteen years of age and then he went to Erie, Pennsylvania, where he was apprenticed to learn the moulder's trad in an iron foundry. Later he took up railroad work and at the age of 21 became a conductor on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad. Going to New York City, however, he began the study of medicine and pharmacy but never engaged in actual practice. Instead, he entered the employ of the government, joining the engineering corps at Castle Island, where he assisted in remodelling the forts and putting in modern guns.

In January, 1876, Dr. Eddy entered the artillery service at Charleston, South Carolina, and was soon promoted to be corporal of Battery E, Fifth Artillery. He passed the examinations necessary for admittance to the Artillery School at Old Point Comfort and was a student there for two years, graduating with honor in a class of one hundred and eighteen. Still later, he was steward in the Hospital Corps there. Coming west to California in 1880, he served as a steward on Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay, there also adding to his credits through efficient service. During the Apache campaign in 1881, in Arizona, he returned to Alcatraz Island with eighty Indian prisoners. He served for three years at the Hooper Indian reservation

in Humboldt county, and on his retirement from the Army in 1884, took up the practice of dental surgery in San Francisco. Later he was in San Jose and Auburn, Placer County, and on October 31, 1904 came to Salinas, where he has since enjoyed a lucrative practice. While at San Jose, he gave some time to the building trade and was a foreman of carpenters on the First Christian church building and also the City Hall.

Dr. Eddy has been twice married. In 1879, he wedded Miss Eliza Thomas, of Virginia, who died in 1893, and by whom he had one son, Earl Dorr Eddy, who is now with the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, at Akron, Ohio. On January 3, 1909, occurred his second marriage, when he was joined in wedlock to Miss Lena Belle Luzier, of West Virginia.

MARK G. KELLER.

Prominent among the aggressively-progressive men in Monterey who have done much to make the city more than ever a center of attraction to many, is Mark G. Keller, the far-seeing and very successful manager for the Monterey Theater Company, one of the best-organized and best maintained associations in the county. He is not a native son, although one might think so from his fidelity to Californians and their best interests. He was born at Spokane, Washington, February 12, 1894, the son of J. W. and Addie (Tribble) Keller, the former having been a brick manufacturer in the early days of that city.

Mark G. Keller attended both the grammar and the high schools of Spokane, and then he took a course in mechanical and electrical engineering at Pullman College. After that he went on the stage as a professional singer and for four years was in vaudeville. Then finding that the moving picture game made an appeal for men of his services, he entered that field and spent ten years with the Stillwell Theater Company, save for the period of two years spent in the United States Navy during the World war. After receiving an honorable discharge Mr. Keller returned to Spokane and reentered the employ of the old company, but in July, 1922, he came to California, going first to Merced for the T. & D. Jr. Co. In June, 1923, he came to Monterey, and having assumed his present position, he now has charge of three picture houses in the management of which he is very capable and therefore successful.

Mr. Keller is a live member of the Rotary Club, and makes it his object in life never to neglect an opportunity to do a good turn, if possible, for the town so generously supporting him and his work. He is fond of golf, and this brings him into touch with the great natural world hereabouts.

NICHOLAS M. BORINA.

Nicholas M. Borina, of 57 Brennan street, Watsonville, is engaged in the raising and shipping of both apples and berries. He was born in Dalmatia, Austria, December 20, 1888, his parents being Mateo and Mary Borina, worthy farmer folk. His father died in military service but his mother is still living. They never came to this country.

At the early age of eleven years Nicholas M. Borina emigrated to the United States and for a time attended evening schools in San Francisco, while he labored during the day and lived with an uncle, who already had a large family to support. From 1900 to 1907 he worked on farms, and in that latter year went to Alaska for a season. On his return to California he stopped in San Francisco, where he clerked in a grocery store and also worked for a builder. Then he came to Watsonville and for three years he had charge of a packing house. In 1911 he began business for himself in a very modest way. He had saved some money and since then has made a pronounced success. He has good orchard land, and also grows his own berries. All this is doubly creditable, for since he was a boy of seven, he has made his own

way and supported his mother in the bargain. He gives employment to one hundred people and is doing an excellent business.

Mr. Borina's wife before her marriage was Miss Lucy Secundo, a native of Europe but reared here and they have had two daughters, Marian and Jane. In politics Mr. Borina is above petty partisanship and finds pleasure in supporting the best men and the best measures.

CLARENCE FREGULIA.

Clarence Fregulia is the manager of the Salinas Valley Concrete Pipe Company, whose office and plant are on Market street, Salinas. A native son, familiar with California conditions, he was born at Jackson, Amador county, September 20, 1885 and was reared on a farm, while he attended the district school. He worked in the mines of Amador county, and later, as a blacksmith, he found employment at the Mammoth Copper Mines of Shasta county. When in 1917 the United States became involved in the great World war, he enlisted on behalf of his country, and saw twenty-three months of hard service in France and Belgium. He trained at Camp Lewis, and was a member of the One Hundredth and Sixty-fourth Infantry of the Forty-first Division.

After the war Mr. Fregulia located at Hollister, in San Benito county, where he was in the transfer business for a year and then, with a capital of only one hundred and fifty dollars, he commenced to make cement pipe in that town. Now he has ten thousand dollars worth of machinery, and five years of hard work in his latest field has given him the returns of a decidedly prosperous business. His Salinas plant was established in the spring of 1924, and here all the pipe he turns out is made by modern machinery. He installs irrigating systems on ranches, and has put in fifteen thousand feet on the Waldo-Rohnert ranch alone, that being one of the best-known fruit ranches near Hollister. He has also laid down a system on Judge Hudner's ranch for the growing of alfalfa, at Hollister, and also some pipe on Judge J. A. Bardin's ranch, and on the A. R. Patrick, and the Blanco Dairy ranches, and on a Castroville artichoke ranch. He makes and installs septic tanks and also drainage tile for swamp lands.

When Mr. Fregulia married, he chose Mary Jesta for his wife. He is a member of Salinas Post, No. 31, of the American Legion, and he also belongs to the Woodmen of the World. Everybody who knows Clarence Fregulia likes him, and that means that they also like to do business with him.

HARRY S. ROSE.

An enterprising, progressive merchant who has done much for Capitola that, in turn, the fast-growing town is willing to reciprocate through liberal, steady patronage of the kind that would make any accommodating and ambitious dealer happy and contented, is Harry S. Rose, proprietor of the popular Rose's Store, in that place, whose patronage is drawn not only from the townspeople but from many residents elsewhere in Santa Cruz county. He was born in Nebraska, August 4, 1888, the son of A. W. and Caroline (Hill) Rose. The former was judge of the superior court in Nebraska before the family moved westward to California in 1891 and settled on a fruit farm at Laurel Glen, where they remained for two years. They then returned to Nebraska but after the manner of so many who have once come under the spell of the Golden state, they came back to the Pacific coast in 1898 and settled on what became known as Rose ranch, in Grover gulch. Judge Rose died in 1900, having made an excellent record as both jurist and agriculturist. His wife still survives and resides at Santa Cruz.

Harry S. Rose first attended the mountain school of his district and later the public schools of Santa Cruz, finishing his training with the best that the Robertson private school afforded. His first employment of consequence was in the Jones Cloth-

ing Store, where he spent three and one-half years very profitably, and then he was with the Abrams establishment after Mr. Jones sold stock and goodwill to Abrams. Two years later he went to Oakland and later came to Capitola, where for three years, he conducted a place of amusement.

While thus engaged, Mr. Rose saw the exceptional opportunity to embark in the grocery trade and in due time opened his present store At first it was very modest in its pretentions, but he was fortunate in getting the interest and the goodwill of the townspeople, and since then his business has so grown that he has been able to buy the original store building that he once rented, with the three adjoining lots, and thereon he has erected a large building, giving adequate floor space. He employs ten experienced people to assist him in meeting the increasing volume of his trade and the many demands of his particular but appreciative patrons, and this staff speaks for itself.

The marriage of Mr. Rose and Miss Violet A. Sloane, a native daughter, took place at Santa Cruz, July 4, 1914. He is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge and the encampment, as well as the Rebekahs. In politics Mr. Rose is a republican.

FRANK KATTNER.

Frank Kattner, who is at the head of the Leader Bakery Company, at 354 Main Street, Salinas, was born in Prussia, Germany, December 13, 1879. At the age of fourteen, when it is generally customary there for a boy to decide his course in life, he was apprenticed to a baker for three years, to learn the trade and having mastered it he followed that occupation in his native land for two years.

In 1899, when a young man of twenty, Frank Kattner crossed the ocean and made his way across the continent. At San Francisco he worked as a baker for four years and in 1903 came to Pacific Grove, where he entered the employ of J. R. Miller, the baker and when the Vinchet Bakery was started, he assumed charge, acting as manager for seven years. In 1910 he came to Salinas and bought out the Mullally Bakery on Main Street but when the building burned he lost all that he owned. In 1912 Joe Adcock, owner of the property, erected a new building on the site, this affording Mr. Kattner an opportunity to start in business again and he did so well that in 1914 he bought the building. He called the place the Leader Bakery, from the fact that it was the leader of its line in the town and he justified the name with a modern, fully-equipped plant and a staff of three thoroughly experienced employees. When he opened a shop in Salinas, he baked thirty loaves of bread every other day and now his output is some two thousand loaves daily.

Frank Kattner was united in marriage, at Salinas, in 1913, to Miss Elizabeth Klute, of San Francisco, and their union has been made happier by the birth of three children, Frances Eleanor, Selma and Robert Adolph Kattner. Mr. Kattner is a home loving man but he is also fond of fraternal life, and is a member of both Salinas Lodge, No. 614, B. P. O. E., and Alisal Lodge, No. 163, I. O. O. F. His is a creditable record, starting out in the business world empty handed, he has steadily worked his way upward and is now at the head of a profitable enterprise while his honorable methods have gained him the respect of all.

W. J. ESPINDOLA.

The western spirit of enterprise finds embodiment in the career of W. J. Espindola, an exceptionally capable young business man of Watsonville, who has transformed his opportunities into tangible assets and is now at the head of an extensive business, operating a chain of cash and carry stores. He was born in this city on the 6th of October, 1894, and is a son of S. J. and Marie (Silva) Espindola, the latter a native of Santa Cruz county, California. The father was born in the Azores and in pioneer times emigrated to the Pajaro valley of California, where he still resides, concentrating his attention upon the growing of fruit. His wife's father was a Cal-

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fornia pioneer and one of the early agriculturists, a banker and business man of Marin county, California.

W. J. Espindola completed his education in the Watsonville high school, in which he took a commercial course, and as a clerk in the drug store of Fred Krough, a well known pharmacist of this city, first realized the value of money in terms of his own labor. In 1911, when seventeen years of age, he borrowed a sum of money from his father and bought a half interest in the Rochdale store at Watsonville. In 1915 he refunded the money loaned him and purchased his partner's interest in the business, which he moved from Peck street to Third street. In 1916 Mr. Espindola discontinued the credit and delivery departments and adopted the cash and carry system. The growth of the business has been phenomenal, and he now operates six stores, the Watsonville establishment being the first. Store No. 2 was opened at Salinas in April, 1919, and No. 3 was started at Hollister in November, 1923. No. 4 had its inception at Gilroy in January, 1924; the fifth store was opened in Watsonville in September, 1924, and the sixth store was opened at Monterey in January, 1925. At No. 516 Main street Mr. Espindola maintains his headquarters and base of supplies, sending out each morning trucks laden with merchandise for the branch stores. He displays notable foresight, sagacity and executive force in the control of his interests and is one of the most successful merchants in the state, transacting a business of approximately one million dollars annually. He is endowed with the qualities of leadership, and his integrity is unassailable.

In 1916 Mr. Espindola married Miss Marie Silva, a native of Marin county, California, and they now have two daughters, Arline and Gertrude. Mr. Espindola is a faithful communicant of the Catholic church and belongs to Westville Council, No. 953, of the Knights of Columbus, also to the local lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is but thirty years of age and has to his credit a notable record of brilliant achievement through individual effort. Mr. Espindola is a master builder, and Watsonville is honored by his citizenship.

JAMES HARPER.

James Harper of Pacific Grove is an efficient and popular federal officer who well deserves the honors bestowed upon him, and the position which he now fills—that of postmaster. A native of the Shetland Islands, he was born at Lerwick, off the coast of Scotland, June 1, 1873, and his parents were Thomas Harper, now deceased, a native of Lerwick, who had married Miss Mary Henry, still living at the age of eighty-three, who also first saw the light where her husband and son were born. Mr. Harper came to Monterey, California, in 1877 and, being a tailor by trade, here conducted a shop, while later he was manager for David Jack, who then owned all the land where Pacific Grove now stands. Mr. Harper died about ten years ago and of his six children three are still living,—James; Mary, who is Mrs. Walker, of Watsonville; and Sinclair O., who is in the United States reclamation service, at Grand Junction, Colorado.

After he had attended, in Monterey, the first school held at Colton Hall, historic as the first capitol in California, James Harper was one of the three boys that made up the original class to graduate from the Pacific Grove grammar school, the other two being J. C. Anthony and C. W. Gretter. He later pursued a commercial course at the U. P. Academy, at Pacific Grove, then affiliated with the University of the Pacific. While yet a youth he took up telegraphy with the Western Union Telegraph Company, in Pacific Grove, and for thirteen years was manager of the telegraph office there. At that time the Postoffice, Wells Fargo's express office, and the Western Union were all in the same building, and during that period James Harper also acted as clerk in the postoffice and as assistant postmaster under four administrations. Fourteen years ago he was appointed postmaster of Pacific Grove, and after serving for five years, was again appointed, in January, 1924, by President Coolidge, to the office he now so acceptably fills.

For eight years Mr. Harper was a city trustee of Pacific Grove, and for four years of that period was mayor of the city, resigning from the board when he became

postmaster. During his administration as mayor, the new street paving was completed, at a cost of two hundred thousand dollars and five hundred thousand square feet of asphalt and concrete were laid. New fire apparatus was also purchased, and twenty acres were secured as a windbreak at the park. Mr. Harper has always been active in republican party councils, attending many state conventions. In business circles, too, he is widely known, having for eight years been a member of the real estate firm of Harper & Leek, which business he sold only recently, after bringing it to a high grade that made it a really desirable acquisition.

Mr. Harper was married to Miss Merle Francis, a native of Victoria, B. C. Three children have blessed this union: James Harrold, seventeen years old; Frances, who is fourteen and a daughter, Althea. Mr. Harper belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and he is trustee of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Pacific Grove, in which he also has been treasurer for twelve years. His interest centers in those activities which produce the greatest good for the greatest number and his sterling worth is widely acknowledged.

JOHN STANOVICH.

An electrical concern that has won its way to popular favor through honest, dependable service is that of John Stanovich, known as the Central Electrical Company, at 318 Main street, Watsonville. Mr. Stanovich is a Dalmatian by birth, and finds himself in a section where many of his fellow countrymen have made good in the Golden state of their adoption. He was born on the 2nd of August, 1876, the son of Joseph and Mary (Bakich) Stanovich. The father was originally a sailor, but from 1882 to 1890 was engaged in fishing off New Orleans. He died in 1910. The mother is still living, enjoying life in modest comfort.

John Stanovich pursued his studies in the public schools of Dalmatia, but at the early age of sixteen came to the United States. Some uncle had preceded him to America, and he visited them for awhile in Pennsylvania. Then he worked for a year or so in a restaurant, and after that he tried his hand at various things in New York city and other towns, being for fourteen months in the Lorraine Hotel at New York city. For the next three months he was at a summer resort in New York, and at the Garden City Hotel for two summers. He was next with a fashionable club as a caretaker for half a year and returning to New York, he worked as handy man in a large apartment house, where he had the chance to learn plumbing and wiring, and he continued there for nine years. He also attended night school, to pursue electrical courses and to supplement his practical knowledge and in bustling New York he continued until October, 1910, when he came west to California.

Mr. Stanovich lived for a year in San Francisco, but in June, 1912, he came to Watsonville, where he started, in a modest way, his own electrical concern. He now has one of the most modern stores in this part of the state, and some idea of the importance of his trade and patrons may be gathered from the fact that he did the electrical work for the California Spray Chemical and the Stroesser buildings, and many other modern structures, including the Jones Vinegar and Drying House. He employs six people, and none are ever worrying what to do. He is a republican in national political affairs, beliving in the G. O. P. as the promoter and protector of trade. Mr. Stanovich married Miss Edith Constable of New York.

E. ROY NASH.

A leader in the local electrical field who is well posted on the trade conditions in California is E. Roy Nash, president and general manager of the Monterey Electrical Shop, Inc., at Monterey, now widely known in commercial circles. He was born at San Francisco, April 28, 1889, the son of Frank and Annie (Jackson) Nash. His father was a sailor and as long ago as 1873 had come into the harbor of Monterey. He liked the country so well that he remained in the west; went to San Francisco

and entered the employ of the Pacific Steamship Company, remaining with that concern until he celebrated his fiftieth year in that service in 1923. Mrs. Nash, who was fondly remembered by those privileged to know her, passed away years ago.

Roy Nash attended both the grammar and the high schools of San Francisco, and in that city, in 1901, entered the hardware trade. About a decade later he turned his attention to the electrical field. For some years he contented himself with retailing; and then for a couple of years was in the wholesale trade. In October, 1921, he came to Monterey, entering into connection with the Noggle Electrical Works and when that company became insolvent he remained with the creditors, helping to adjust affairs, until 1922, when he took over the business. On July 19 of the following year, the business was incorporated. The company carries a complete line of electrical goods and also maintain a staff of expert electrical engineers to care for its extensive contract work in wiring, installing and other branches.

Mr. Nash was married to Miss Alice Short, of London, by whom he has had two children, Gordon and Bruce. Mr. Nash is a Mason and when neither the duties of his lodge nor the attraction of his cosy home fail to allure him, he hies himself off to the happy fishing grounds. Mr. Nash has served as president of the Monterey Chamber of Commerce, he is president of the Rotary Club and also president of the electrical division. In politics he is a protective republican.

CHARLES E. CANFIELD.

It has been pointed out in local annals that to a period antedating the American occupancy of California the identification of the ancestors of Charles E. Canfield, well known realtor of Santa Cruz, with the history of the coast country may be traced, this family thus being one of the oldest of the American stock in the state. Mr. Canfield is a native son of California and has been a lifelong resident of the state. He was born in the city of Monterey, October 31, 1865, and is a son of Dr. Colbert A. and Anita (Watson) Canfield, the later of whom was the daughter of that stout "pathfinder" and influential pioneer, James Watson, whose name ever will live in the annals of Monterey and of the coast country. James Watson, a native of England was here in the days of the beginning of the real American occupancy and opened and conducted a general store in Monterey, one of the first to be established in that place. Among his friends none was more prominent than General John C. Fremont and it was his privilege to assist that distinguished "pathfinder" and empire builder in his early explorations under the auspices of the United States government. The two men, it is narrated, formed a warm friendship, which neither time nor absence served to lessen. It is recalled that they were alike in their fearless temperaments and in their desire to promote the proper settlement of the west.

Th late Dr. Colbert A. Canfield, in his generation one of the most widely respected and influential citizens of Monterey, was no less prominent in his line and his memory ever will be kept green in the community in which his gentle influence was for so long and so usefully exerted. Dr. Canfield, a native of Ohio, was the first resident physician at The Presidio and was for years an official of the old customs house in Monterey. All the old records reveal indisputably that his services in this region contributed greatly to the development of Monterey county along lines of permanent value. The knowledge he thus acquired through his experiences in the west brought him recognition throughout the country. The possessor of varied talents, which found their outlet in many fields of usefulness, he became most widely known through his articles published in magazines of a scientific and critical character, his profound ability as an original thinker and as a writer thus becoming widely recognized. During a long period Dr. Canfield acted as the Pacific coast agent and representative of the Smithsonian Institution at Washington and his special labors in behalf of that institution in the field of conchology created for him a permanent monument of memory in that engrossing field. The study of conchology was a delightful diversion for him during such leisure as his professional and official duties granted and he brought to this study a measure of original research that imparted a special value to his contributions in that field. The inexhaustible opportunities

afforded by the wealth of material singular to this coast made it possible for him to gratify his ambition to extend his researches along that line and a splendid and really notable collection of shells rewarded the assiduity of his labors in this behalf. Thoughtfully considered and scientifically accurate articles on this subject from his pen frequently appeared in leading periodicals and he came to be recognized as an authority on matters relating to the shells of the Pacific coast. Dr. Canfield died in 1872 and at his passing left a good memory, for he had done well those things which his hand had found to do, and in all the relations of life he had been faithful and true.

Reared in Monterey and in Santa Cruz, Charles E. Canfield acquired his education in the schools of these sister cities and as a young man he became employed as a clerk in a grocery store in Santa Cruz, there becoming thoroughly acquainted with business forms and the details of the retail grocery trade. In 1892, the year before his marriage, Mr. Canfield engaged in the grocery business on his own account in Santa Cruz, in association with F. H. Stikeman, a partnership that was maintained for two years, at the end of which time he bought his partner's interest in the store and thereafter carried on the business by himself until 1898, when he sold the place and entered upon an engagement as a traveling salesman for a wholesale house. For two years Mr. Canfield carried on as a "knight of the grip", calling on the trade throughout California, and then he left the road and settled down again in Santa Cruz, taking up there the realty business which since has engaged his time and his talents and in which he has become quite successful, for years recognized as one of the leading realtors on the coast. Diligent in his own business, Mr. Canfield has not been unmindful of the obligation of public service resting upon those who are thus called and for four years he rendered acceptable service as a member of the board of commissioners for the city of Santa Cruz.

On April 19, 1893, in Santa Cruz, California, Charles E. Canfield was united in marriage to Miss Cora B. Picknell, who also was born in California, daughter of Samuel Picknell and a member of one of the pioneer families of the state. To Mr. and Mrs. Canfield two sons have been born: Carlton E. and Laurence P. Canfield, the latter of whom (1925) is a student at Stanford University. The lamented Carlton E. Canfield, a young man of much promise, was in attendance at a military training school for service during the time of this country's participation in the World war and there died, a victim of the dread epidemic of influenza that swept the country in 1918. The Canfields have a pleasant home in Santa Cruz and have ever taken an interested and helpful part in the city's general social and cultural activities. Mr. Canfield is a member of the local parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West and in the affairs of that popular and patriotic organization has for years taken an earnest interest.

JOHN GRAU.

A building contractor whose intelligent, progressive operations have always evidenced the right kind of enterprise for a country that is rapidly developing, is John Grau, of 234 Winham Street, Salinas, where he is as favorably as he is widely known. He was born in Schleswig-Holstein, then a part of Germany, and now belonging to Denmark, on April 19, 1883, the son of John and Karn (Helsoe) Grau, both of whom also first saw the light there. The father came to California in 1881 and farmed in Alameda county whence he returned to his old home, in August, 1885; however he again crossed the ocean and continent and cultivated his farm of forty acres at Blanco, Monterey county. He was a worthy man, doing his part to develop the country of his adoption and when he died, some eighteen years ago, he was both honored and mourned.

John Grau attended the district schools of Monterey county, and as a boy worked on his father's ranch. Subsequently he was employed in the Spreckels Sugar factory, and later he was at Bodie, Mono county, for two years. Returning to his home place, he took up the trade of a carpenter, for he was always handy with tools and as an experienced journeyman he worked for different contractors in Salinas. Eight years ago, he established a business for himself in building and contracting. He has

specialized in fine bungalows, and he has created some of the most attractive residences of that type to be found in or near Salinas. One of the latest of these designs is to be found in the fine residence of Mrs. Henry Bardin in Pajaro street—the first and only electrically-equipped home in Salinas, an exceedingly attractive place reflecting most creditably upon both the builder, who is also the designer, and the tasteful community in which it is located. Other attractive edifices put up by John Grau were built for F. M. Horigan, Charles Hoosier, Homer T. Hayward and Mrs. H. Austin, of Salinas, and the Bergschivcker at Blanco. He also built the M ranch home and chicken ranch-houses at Blanco, but whether it be bungalows or more pretentious residences, the houses erected by John Grau are always first-class, because they are constructed according to the principles of honor—to give the person ordering them the squarest deal imaginable. Much of Mr. Grau's work comes to him unsolicited and this speaks for itself. The result is that Mr. Grau feels such a deep interest in all that pertains to the onward march in Monterey County that one could not find a better "booster" in the country.

Mr. Grau was married to Miss Grace Journey, an eastern girl, and they work together not only for their own advancement but also for the welfare of the community. Mr. Grau's participation in the programs of the Chamber of Commerce and the Salinas Rotary Club affording him many opportunities to show both his public-spiritedness and his good-will. He is a member of Salinas Lodge, No. 204, F. & A. M., and of Alisal Lodge, No. 163, I. O. O. F., and it is needless to say that in each of these old-time organizations he is among the most welcome.

HOWARD WILLOUGHBY.

Howard Willoughby, who has gained a wide reputation throughout this trade area as an expert in the raising of chickens, proprietor in association with his brother, W. A. Willoughby, of a fine chicken ranch in the immediate vicinity of Watsonville, Santa Cruz county, has built up a business in that line that has attracted much attention among chicken breeders throughout the state. The Willoughby brothers also are proprietors of a well stocked and well appointed feed store in Watsonville and are recognized as among the progressive and public-spirited citizens of that section of the county. Elsewhere in this work there is further mention of W. A. Willoughby, together with additional reference to the Willoughby family in Santa Cruz county, this family having been represented in Watsonville for more than half a century, or since the arrival there of Mr. Willoughby's parents with their family from San Francisco in 1868.

Howard Willoughby was born in San Francisco, November 25, 1866, and was but eighteen months of age when in 1868 his parents moved from that city to a ranch in the immediate vicinity of Watsonville, and there established their home. It was thus that Howard Willoughby grew up familiar with the details of ranch life and with the operations attendant upon the successful management of such a place as that which has been developed from the original Willoughby holdings in Watsonville. With the exception of six years spent in King City and seven years spent in the vicinity of Salinas in the neighboring county of Monterey, Mr. Willoughby has been a resident of Santa Cruz county and there are few men therein who have a wider acquaintance than he. Since the year 1919 Mr. Willoughby has been in partnership with his brother, W. A. Willoughby, in the operation of quite a successful feed store in Watsonville and since 1923 the brothers have been operating the chicken ranch on the outskirts of that city, by mutual and agreeable understanding and agreement W. A. Willoughby giving his attention directly to the affairs of the store and Howard Willoughby taking care of the operations of the chicken ranch. He now has developed that enterprise until he is raising no fewer than ten thousand chickens a year and the products of the place find a ready market. He makes a specialty of white Leghorns and among chicken fanciers throughout the state is recognized as one of the leading factors in that business.

Mr. Willoughby has been twice married. On January 1, 1894, he was united in marriage to Miss Marjorie Tolman, a union which after some years was legally

severed. To them were born two children: A son, Otis H. Willoughby, and a daughter, Frances. On December 21, 1922, Mr. Willoughby was married to Miss Marie Bordges of Gilroy, Santa Clara county, and to this union one child has been born: A daughter, Dorris. Mr. and Mrs. Willoughby have a pleasant home on their chicken ranch and are comfortably situated. Mr. Willoughby is a member of the lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks in Watsonville and has for years taken an active interest in the affairs and deliberations of that popular body.

J. R. PERRY.

J. R. Perry, the superintendent of the Carmel Canning Company, at Monterey, is a wide-awake executive of both experience and natural gifts for the administration of important interests. Born at San Jose, March 19, 1883, his parents are Thomas and Margaret (Renas) Perry. The former, a sea-faring man, came from the Azores Islands when young and at San Jose was married to Miss Renas. After years of hard and successful labor in farming, they are both enjoying comfortable retirement at Berkeley, and are still owners of a little farm near Pittsburg, California.

J. R. Perry attended the local schools of Pittsburg, where he remained until he was twenty years of age and he then went to Alaska where he worked in the salmon canneries. He began at the lower rounds of the ladder and after a while rose to be superintendent or manager but what was of more importance to him, he acquired valuable experience in studying canning from every angle, so that the years between 1900 and 1917, spent by him in Alaska, were particularly fruitful. Returning to California he settled in Monterey at a time when the plant of the Carmel Canning Company was being built and was put in charge by those anxious to secure dependable, up-to-date management. He was also given a chance to become a stockholder. This is one of the important fish canneries of northern California for in the busy season the Carmel Canning Company employs about one hundred and fifty hands and its superior fish products are shipped all over the world.

Mr. Perry was married to Miss Eva McCombe, a native daughter of San Mateo, a general favorite in the social circles in which she moves, and a sharer with her husband in his love and delight of out-door life and motoring. Mr. Perry is also fond of baseball. In poltics he is a republican, and is ever ready to support the program of the government in favor of protective trade. Monterey may well be congratulated upon such leaders in industrial and commercial movements as J. R. Perry, who has done his bit to add a new significance to the present position of historic Monterey and Carmel upon the map.

HENRY E. SMITH.

Henry E. Smith, a plasterer contractor, is one of the business men of Santa Cruz and a master craftsman whose reputation is not confined to the limits of this city. He was born September 16, 1878, in Owensville, Gibson county, Indiana, and there received his education, afterward serving an apprenticeship to the plasterer's trade. For a time he engaged in business for himself in his native town and afterward followed his trade in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Ohio. In Texas and Louisiana he worked in large cold storage plants and at Akron, Ohio, was employed by the Firestone Rubber Company, while in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, he worked in ten and twelve-story office buildings. He arrived in Santa Cruz in February, 1920, and is now recognized as the leading plasterer contractor not only of the city but also of the county. His work represents the highest degree of skill in his line and is found in the finest buildings erected in Santa Cruz during the past five years, also in the Deer Park addition to the city. He does both exterior and interior plastering and has worked on residences ranging in price from three to twelve thousand dollars. Mr. Smith was awarded the contract for the Peoples Finance & Thrift block in Watsonville and the Hickman home in that city. He is conducting a business of

large proportions, and fine specimens of his work are also seen in the beautiful homes on the cliffs at Carmel-by-the-Sea. He is an astute, farsighted business man and has valuable holdings in Santa Cruz real estate.

On the 15th of October, 1889, Mr. Smith married Miss Minnie M. Kight, also a native of the Hoosier state, and they have become the parents of three children: Gladys, the wife of Ed. Breeden; Olive, who married R. Caldwell; and Ermal who resides at home. There are also four grandchildren in the family.

Mr. Smith proved his loyalty to his country by service in the Spanish-American war as a member of Company B, One Hundred and Sixty-First Indiana Infantry, and was sent to Cuba, being stationed in the vicinity of Havana. He is identified with the society of Spanish War Veterans and that of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Rebekahs. He fills an important place in the life of his community and is honored for his high principles and esteemed for those qualities which have made possible his success.

WILEY REEVES, M. D.

Dr. Wiley Reeves, physician and surgeon of Salinas was born near Bristol, Sullivan county, Tennessee, September 16, 1890, and was graduated from the Jonesboro high school in his native state, as a member of the class of 1909. He then matriculated at the University of Texas, at Austin, Texas, and with the natural enthusiasm of one thoroughly in love with his work, he there successfully pursued the academic course. Having determined on the practice of medicine as a life work he spent two years in the medical department of the University of Texas at Galveston; and in 1917, the Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tennessee, in which he completed his studies, conferred on him the coveted degree of Doctor of Medicine.

In the meantime the United States had entered the great World war, and on September 21, 1917, Dr. Reeves was commissioned First Lieut. in the 117th Infantry at Camp Sevier, at Greenville, S. C., and left for France in April, 1918, with the Thirtieth Division of the United States Army. He was attached to the British forces at Ypres for three months, and was at Cambria and San Quentin as infantry surgeon. For six months he was in the trenches in France, on the west front. He was transferred to the One Hundred and Fifteenth Machine Gun battalion, was advanced to the rank of captain and following the cessation of hostilities was discharged from the service at Camp Jackson, in South Carolina, April 19, 1919.

In the spring of that year, having safely returned to civil life and the pursuits of peace, Dr. Reeves came west to California and took up the practice of medicine and surgery at Salinas where he has a satisfactory growing practice. He is assistant district surgeon of the Southern Pacific Railroad and through wide reading keeps in touch with modern scientific methods.

On January 9, 1918, Dr. Reeves was married to Miss Carolyn Carty, a native of Knoxville, Tennessee and their union has been blessed with two children, a daughter, Margaret Evelyn and a son, E. W. Reeves, Jr. Dr. Reeves is a captain of the Medical Reserve Corps of the United States Army and belongs to Salinas Post, No. 31, of the American Legion. He belongs to the Salinas Exchange Club, of which he was one of the organizers, and is a member of Salinas Lodge, No. 614, B. P. O. E.; and Salinas Lodge, No. 204, F. & A. M. His loyalty in citizenship in times of peace as well as in days of war, his devotion to his professional duties and his helpful interest in community life, all combine to make him a valued resident of Salinas.

PETER P. STOLICH.

A very enterprising and successful shipper of apples, whose wide reputation is doubtless due, in part, to his experience in properly packing well selected fruit, is Peter P. Stolich, of 130 Wall street, Watsonville. He was born in romantic Dalmatia, one of the most picturesque portions of Austria, on February 25, 1875, the son of

Peter and Mary Stolich, who twice crossed the wide ocean in the hope of finding what they wanted here, but twice returned to the old country. Unfortunately, perhaps, they located in Texas, instead of California; had they come out to the Pacific commonwealth, they might have found everything so much more golden that they would not have wished to return. The father was a farmer and is now deceased, but the mother is still living.

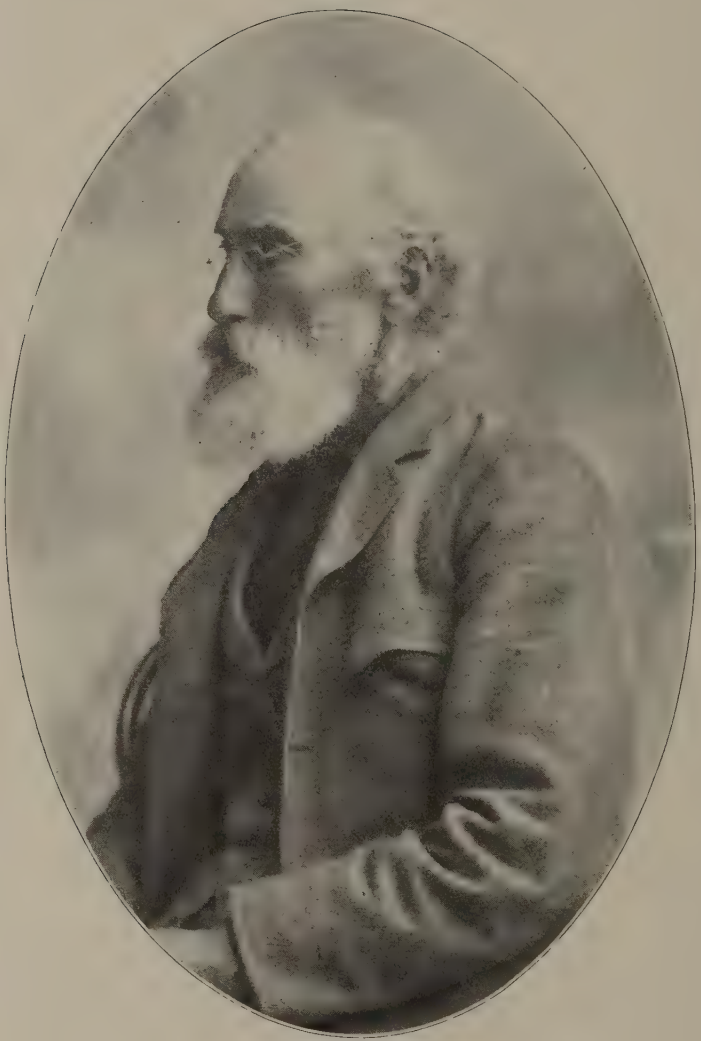
Peter P. Stolich attended the Dalmatian public schools and remained in his native land until he attained the age of twenty-two years, when he resolved to try his fortune in America. He was lucky, in the beginning, to locate in Stockton, on reaching California, for Stockton has been a good business as well as a good home town. Before long, however, he saw greater opportunities in Watsonville, and hither he removed. For awhile he worked on ranches and in orchards, but by 1900, he had so far progressed financially that he was able to embark in business for himself as a packer and shipper. Although he was compelled to commence in a very modest way, he has built up a business of enviable proportions, and in the busy season keeps fifty workers hustling to satisfy the market's demands. While giving his attention primarily to business and the wants of his patrons, Mr. Stolich also pays attention to political affairs and has had enough experience with American institutions to realize the necessity, and therefore the duty, of every citizen to vote for the best men and the best measures, rather than according to party behests.

Mr. Stolich married Miss Stella Arkulin, of Dalmatia, and they have one child, a son, named Peter. Mr. Stolich is a third degree Knight of Columbus, a Moose, and a member of the American-Austrian Benevolent Association. He is public-spirited and charitable, and while looking fondly back to his Dalmatian home, is ever ready to encourage his fellow countrymen to adopt themselves loyally to American institutions.

CATO J. VIERRA.

Though it now has been more than a quarter of a century since the death of Cato J. Vierra the memory of that energetic community builder still is kept green along the coast of Monterey county and particularly in the vicinity of Moss Landing, where he labored manfully in general development work, creating there a fine piece of property and interests that are still being maintained by his sons, the Vierra ranch holdings being among the most important in the vicinity. Among the numerous Azorians who have left their impress so definitely in the works incidental to the development of this section of the coast country there were few who had a wider acquaintance than had Cato J. Vierra. Born to the sea, his youth and young manhood were spent in sailing the seven seas. Later he took up mining and became familiar with the mining camps of various parts of the world. It was thus that he came in touch with California. After his marriage he settled down on the wonderful Monterey coast and here he spent the remainder of his life, he and his wife rearing a large family and doing well their part in helping to bring about proper conditions here. Thus when Mr. Vierra passed from the scenes he knew so well and loved so dearly he left a good memory—a memory that in this generation still is cherished. It therefore is but fitting and proper that in this definite history of the region in which his labors so effectively were performed there should be carried some slight tribute to that memory.

Cato J. Vierra was born on the island of Flores, the westernmost of the Azorian group in the Atlantic ocean, August 7, 1835, and was a son of Frank Vierra, a member of a family that has been represented in the Azores for generations. When but a lad Cato Vierra started out as a sailor, going to sea with a whaler bound for far southern waters. He was engaged as harpoon-man and was an expert in this dangerous undertaking. That was in the late '40s and early '50s when the New Zealand gold mines were attracting much attention, he left the whaler at a convenient port on the islands and joined in the quest for gold. After mining for some time in New Zealand he transferred his activities to the mines in Australia and from there after awhile followed the lead of some others and took part in a tentative mining project that was being carried on in the Sitka country in Alaska, this being many years



CATO J. VIERRA

MRS. MARIA R. VIERRA

before the great gold discoveries in that country. It was thus that Mr. Vierra had his introduction to this coast. Finding the quest for gold in Alaska profitless he returned to the sea, signing on as a sailor in the coastwise service between Victoria and Monterey.

During the time he was thus engaged as a sailor along this coast Mr. Vierra became powerfully attracted to this section and he presently determined to give up the sea and take to the land. He made a settlement on the bay, built up Camp Godall near Watsonville and built the first wharf at Moss Landing and Moss Landing warehouses and all bridges leading thereto. For some time he operated a ferry across Elkhorn slough and then built a bridge which for seven years, or until it was taken over by the county, he operated as a toll bridge.

While thus carrying out his projects at Moss Landing in the late '60s Mr. Vierra took time to return to his native Azores and there was married. With his bride, Maria, he at once returned to the United States, landing at the port of Boston and proceeding directly to California, arriving at his establishment at Moss Landing, about Christmas Day in 1871, making the trip in seventy-one days. There he and his wife established their home and there he spent the remainder of his life, a useful and helpful citizen of that community.

At the time of his death in 1900 Cato J. Vierra was the owner of about five hundred acres of good land. To this estate his sons have added until the Vierra interests there include approximately one thousand acres. In addition to his development work Mr. Vierra also for years carried on a lighter service in the bay, operating out of Moss Landing, and was also quite extensively engaged in the coastwise freight service, building his own vessels. Mr. and Mrs. Vierra became the parents of fourteen children: Frank, Carlos, Maria, Joseph, David, Edward, Emeline, Frances, Mabel, Albert (who was drowned when two years of age), Virginia, Albert T., Louis and one who died in infancy. The mother of these children is still living at the old home place at Moss Landing, one of the honored pioneers of Monterey county. The daughter Emeline is a Sister of the church, of the order of Notre Dame of San Jose.

EDWARD C. VIERRA.

Edward C. Vierra, manager of the Monterey Bay Salt Company, at Moss Landing, has done so much to help put the peninsula on the map. A native son, he was born on the old home place near Moss Landing, in Monterery county, on the 3d of March, 1882, the son of Cato Joseph and Maria (Freitas) Vierra, his parents having settled in this section many years ago. By hard work and frugal habits they acquired several hundred acres of land, and no one was ever more entitled to what they had. The father came from the Azores and was a pioneer in the Moss Landing section. He is now deceased, but Mrs. Vierra is still living, the center of many devoted friends.

Edward C. Vierra attended the schools at Moss Landing, and then joined his brother, David C. Vierra, in putting a portion of the family property to a new and useful purpose. With very little capital, they established the Monterey Bay Salt Company, and in order to succeed were compelled to work hard. They were determined, however, not to become discouraged, and by sticking to their undertaking they at last reached the goal of their desires. But, alas! just when success seemed assured, David met with an untimely death by falling in a shaft, where his leather coat entangled him. No one witnessed the accident, and his death proved a great shock to both mother and brother. The salt is obtained from the waters of the bay; is pumped into five different ponds; and when through evaporation and precipitation, becomes crystal. It is then refined, ground and sacked, ready for the market. The works employ eighteen men.

Edward C. Vierra was for some time superintendent of the California Sea Products Company's plant at Moss Landing, and in this, as in his present capacity, he well filled the bill and made many friends. In politics a republican, he is especially broad-minded when it comes to supporting well endorsed local issues, and he is

extremely interested in the future of Monterery county. In religious faith he is a Catholic.

David C. Vierra was instantly killed at the salt works at Moss Landing, August 6, 1924, when he was caught in the machinery. He was about forty-three years of age, a bachelor, and was known and respected as an industrious, progressive and very capable resident of that place. He had been fortunate in his rearing on an American farm, and also in his early schooling, and he was looked upon as a highly intelligent man. The brothers had built up a substantial business, and it is a pity that he could not have lived to enter into the fruits of his toil and sacrifice.

ALBERT T. VIERRA.

Albert T. Vierra, a progressive and practical young ranchman of Monterey county, a veteran of the World war and proprietor of that portion of the Vierra land holdings in the Moss Landing neighborhood comprising the old Vierra homestead place, was born there, July 3, 1892, and is next to the youngest in a family of fourteen children, whose parents were Cato J. and Maria Vierra, active and useful pioneers of this section. The father died in 1900.

Albert T. Vierra was but eight years of age when his father died and he grew up on the home place, atending the local schools during his boyhood. In association with his brothers he has from the days of his youth been interested in the operation of the Vierra property in and about Moss Landing and has long been a practical rancher and dairyman. When the United States became involved in the World war in the spring of 1917 Mr. Vierra volunteered his services in behalf of the country and was assigned to the aviation section of the army, a service he continued to render after the war had come to a close until he had spent three years in the air service, a most interesting experience.

At the end of that time Mr. Vierra returned to the home place and has since been giving his attention to its development, being proprietor of a fine ranch of three hundred and fifty acres. Included in the operations of this ranch is a modern dairy plant and a fine dairy herd of thirty-five or forty high grade cows. Mr. Vierra is a republican and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs, an interested and intelligent factor in the promotion of such measures as have to do with the advancement of the best interests of the community in which he was born and around which his interests ever have centered. He is a member of No. 31 Salinas Post of the American Legion and to the affairs of that patriotic organization has given his earnest attention.

MICHAEL L. KALICH.

An expert packer of the choicest apples, who has had a valuable experience in growing the best fruit most wanted for the market, and has also been fortunate in his prompt shipments and successful deliveries, is Michael L. Kalich, of 125 West Lake avenue, Watsonville. He was born in Dalmatia, that picturesque portion of ancient and once proud Austria, on June 14, 1884, the son of Luke and Lucy Kalich, who were hard working farmer folk. The father is still living, but the mother has passed away.

At the age of eighteen years, when he had successfully finished his schooling in Dalmatia, Michael L. Kalich came to the United States, ticketed direct to Watsonville, California, where he knew that so many Dalmatians had made their mark, and for awhile he worked in the orchards and in the packing houses. Later he was foreman for a couple of years at Del Monte ranch, for Mateo Lettunich, and as the result of all his strivings and savings he was able to engage in business for himself in 1908 and since then he has certainly done well, even pointing the way to others, as both a packer and a shipper, in busy packing seasons employing no less than eighty-five people.

Mr. Kalich has also reached out in other directions, doing for himself and helping the community. He has acquired much city and country property and is president of the Pajaro Valley Cold Storage Company. He is vice president of the fruit Growers National Bank and president, without pay and for the good of the community, of the Watsonville Apple Distributors. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and he champions the democratic principles once set forth by Jefferson, and later so effectively enunciated by Grover Cleveland. Mr. Kalich is always ready to put his shoulder to the wheel and advance the best interests of the locality, having naturally, with so much success here, become deeply interested in both Santa Cruz and Santa Cruz county.

In 1906 Mr. Kalich married Miss Rose Beele, and they have four children: Louis, Lucy, and the twins, Nicholas and Mary. Mr. Kalich is a third degree Knight of Columbus, is both religious and musical, and an advocate of the things that upbuild a community and its people.

FRED COPE.

Fred Cope, of Pacific Grove, is engaged in the hardware and plumbing business at 561 Lighthouse Avenue. He was born at Gilroy, Santa Clara county, California, September 17, 1892, the son of Thomas and Annie May Cope, the former a native of England and the latter of Denmark. Mr. Cope came to America when a boy, and worked in the carpet factory of Bigelow & Company, at Hartford, Connecticut. Coming west to California he settled in San Francisco, where he learned the tinner's trade, with the old firm of Osgood & Stetson, now Holbrook, Merrill & Stetson, of the Bay City. On June 15, 1893, he opened a plumbing shop in Pacific Grove, and continued in business there until February 15, 1923, when he sold out to his son Fred. He had two other sons, E. A. and C. L. Cope. He is a past noble grand of Monterey Lodge, No. 182, I. O. O. F., and nowhere does he feel more at home, away from his own fireside, than among his fellow-members.

After leaving school in 1910 Fred Cope started to learn the plumber's trade under his father and thirteen years later succeeded him in business. When the World war demanded such a sacrifice from many, he was among the first to step up to the line for service in behalf of his country and from September 25, 1917, until January 25, 1919, a period of sixteen months, he was a sergeant in the regimental band, One Hundreth and Forty-fourth Field Artillery, Fortieth Division. After training at Camp Kearney, he went overseas with his command in August, 1918, and following his safe return he joined Pacific Grove Post, No. 283, of the American Legion.

Mr. Cope was married, September 2, 1923, to Miss Genevive Grove, a native of California. He is active in local musical societies, and is a skilled cornet-player, taking part in many of the leading musical affairs of Pacific Grove and his ability renders him a favorite in musical circles. He belongs to the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce. He is a past noble grand in Monterey Lodge, No. 182, I. O. O. F. of Pacific Grove, and a past master in Pacific Grove Lodge, No. 331, A. F. & A. M. Mr. Cope served for four months as a city trustee, to fill an unexpired term, and his conscientious conduct of the business of the office commended him to many.

GEORGE L. FITZSIMMONS.

George L. Fitzsimmons, a progressive man of affairs thoroughly conversant with the lumber trade is manager of the Homer T. Hayward Lumber Company, at Pacific Grove, where the concern has a yard and office on Ocean Avenue. He was born at French Camp, near Stockton, in San Joaquin county, California, in 1879. He attended the schools of Ripon, of Pacific Grove, and the San Francisco Business College, and first worked for wages on his father's farm in San Joaquin county.

At the age of twenty-three, Mr. Fitzsimmons entered the lumber business and in that line has been engaged ever since. He started in the lumber trade with the

Loma Prieta Lumber Company in Pacific Grove, where he learned the ins and outs of the business. For four years he was assistant manager of the Pacific Grove Hotel and on going to Salinas, took charge of the yards of the F. A. Hihn Lumber Company, with which he remained for nine years. He afterward spent two years at Stockton with the San Joaquin Lumber Company and, coming to Monterey, organized the Tyrian Lumber Company, of which he was manager. On his removal to Pacific Grove he took charge of the Universal Lumber Company and when that was bought out by the Homer T. Hayward Lumber Company, in December, 1923, he became manager of the latter. He is president of the Monterey County Builders' Association, and is a well known and highly esteemed figure in lumber-trade circles.

Mr. Fitzsimmons married Miss Bertha Nicholls, a native of Oregon and they have five sons; George W., Harold M., Mervin P., Roy L. and Norman N. Fitzsimmons. Mr. Fitzsimmons belongs to Monterey Lodge, No. 1285, B. P. O. E. and to that much larger fraternal organization, the Brotherhood of Men, in which his many admirable personal qualities shine at their best.

ROBERT S. TAIT.

Robert S. Tait is the popular superintendent of the Santa Cruz Water Works and also chief of the fire department and his public record has at all times measured up to high standards of efficient service. A native of California, he was born November 6, 1863, in Calaveras county, not far from the scenes made memorable by both Mark Twain and Bret Harte. His parents were J. A. and Mary (Sullivan) Tait, the former a native of New York state, and the later a native of Ireland who was reared in New York. J. A. Tait, fought in the Mexican War in 1846, and on coming to California three years later he mined for a while in Calaveras county and in 1869 removed to Santa Cruz. There he became associated with the F. A. Hihn Company as manager of its water system and later he established a hardware and plumbing business. He was ever honored for his rugged honesty, and his willingness at all times to do anyone a good turn.

Robert Tait attended the public schools of Santa Cruz and was afterward a student in the Chestnutwoods Business College at Santa Cruz. His first job was in the powder mill, and later, for six years, he was associated with his father in the hardware and plumbing business. When old enough to accept the responsibility, he was made manager of the water system of the F. A. Hihn Company, which post he held for ten years and then, for four years, or from 1904 to 1909, he was city electrician.

Since 1909 Mr. Tait has been superintendent of the waterworks, and his administration of that responsible office is satisfactory to all. He joined the old volunteer fire department in 1884 and since 1899 he has been chief of the department.

Mr. Tait was married to Miss Margaret Peterson, a native of Santa Cruz and their union has been blessed with five children; Mary Louise, Harry V., Margaret, Robert S., Jr., and Josephene. Mr. Tait is a Knight of Columbus, and he belongs to the Native Sons of the Golden West, the Foresters and the Maccabees.

EDWARD ALLEN.

Edward Allen, an enterprising, experienced contractor who has also found time to serve his fellow-townsmen as city trustee, thereby doubly earning the esteem and endorsement of many, was born in Monterey, February 21, 1856, the son of Thomas and Jane Allen—the former an Irishman by birth, the latter of English parentage. Thomas Allen came to California about 1850 and located in Monterey. His home, in which his son Edward was born, was the first frame house in California, a plain structure put together in Australia and shipped 'round the Horn, and long an object of particular interest in Monterey, until it was razed to the ground a couple of

years ago, to make way for an oil station. Thomas Allan died when his son Edward was about six months old, so that he knows little of his father.

Edward Allen attended the public schools of Monterey and in boyhood began to work in a grocery store where he remained for four years, but having more than ordinary ambition he apprenticed himself to an apothecary and for six years followed the drug business. Disliking indoor life, however, and longing for the open, the young man learned the carpenter trade, and after going to San Francisco, he worked in the Bay City as a carpenter for eight years. Unfortunately he and his family were there at the time of the great earthquake and fire and, like thousands of others, lost all that they had acquired. Inspired by the common-sense counsel and unwavering faith of his wife, Mr. Allen returned to Monterey and now they have no regrets that once more their lines were cast in such pleasant places.

Mrs. Allen was Miss Almas Fussell, of Iowa, before her marriage; and she has become the mother of three children and grandmother of seven. Viola has married and become Mrs. L. Schultz; Raymond is the only son; and Myrtle is Mrs. Henry Jung. They constitute a happy family circle, with many social connections.

Mr. Allen is a progressive republican, and he is now serving his second term as a city trustee. He has also acted as health officer and he has worked hard and consistently for municipal progress, particularly for improvement of sanitary conditions in Monterey. What he is especially proud of, however, is his instrumentality in putting through the much-debated paving program, resulting in great improvement in the streets.

W. C. MEGINNESS.

W. C. Meginness, of Watsonville, is a member of the firm doing business under the name of the City Transfer Company. He is a native of California, born in San Jose, February 15, 1895, and is a son of U. S. and Sarah Frances (Neff) Meginness. The father was also a native of the old state capital and was a son of Samuel Meginness, who drove an ox team across the plains in 1851, and settled in San Jose, where he carried on his business as a blacksmith.

During his boyhood, W. C. Meginness acquired a good practical education in the grammar and high schools of his native city. He also learned the trade of a blacksmith, which he followed for seven years. When the United States entered the World war, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served from July 24, 1917, to March 25, 1918, when he received his honorable discharge. He had previously come to Watsonville in 1904 and drove a truck until he entered into business as a partner in the City Transfer Company, which now has its office at 20 Wall street.

In 1917 Mr. Meginness married Adaline Josephine Dusio, of Watsonville, by whom he has one daughter, Eleanora Roberta. He casts his ballot with the republican party, and is a prominent member of the Improved Order of Red Men.

HENRY BARDIN.

A worthy pioneer was the late Henry Bardin, one of the best known stockmen and farmers of his day in Monterey county. He was born in Tippah county, Mississippi, December 20, 1853, and when he died, on February 8, 1923, the world mourned the loss of a noble man. His father and mother were James and Lucinda Bardin, natives of Mississippi, who came with their family to California by way of Panama in 1856, landing first in San Francisco. From the Bay City they went south to Monterey by steamer, at a period when there were no railroads, and Mr. Bardin acquired a large tract of land in Monterey county, after which he established the home ranch at Blanco.

Henry Bardin was about three years old when his parents brought him to Monterey county, and here he enjoyed the benefits of schooling. Afterward he was associated with his father in stock-raising and farming and later started out for himself in that business, becoming one of the most successful stock raisers in the Salinas

valley. So well did he prosper that at the time of his death he owned a number of fine ranches in the neighborhood of Salinas. He also was a director in the Salinas City Bank and the Farmers Mercantile Company, these posts of honor speaking for themselves as to the confidence in which he was held by the community.

The truth is that Henry Bardin was one of those very exceptional men destined by nature to be leaders of industry or of finance, who would have done well in any line of undertaking, and would have been of service to their fellowmen at all times. He liked work, for by work the wheels of life were kept going and well-oiled and he eagerly embraced every opportunity not only to advance his own fortunes but also to stimulate activity and prosperity in the community. He made a success of helping others, because he wisely first took care of himself and having gotten well upon his feet, he found some of his highest delight in sharing the fruits of his labor with others. He was very devoted to the county of his adoption; and the good folks of Salinas and other parts of Monterey county know that he helped effectively to hasten the day when this favored section of the state shall come to its own.

Mr. Bardin was married at Watsonville, January 10, 1883, to Miss Martha E. Thompson, a native of Santa Cruz county, who has a circle of devoted friends in Monterey county. She brought many qualifications to her task of standing as his dependable helpmate; and of a religious nature and inspired by high ideals, she has always been an active worker in the First Baptist Church of Salinas. Three children were born to them: Roy who died at the age of thirteen years; Mrs. Hazel Hurt and Mrs. Ethel Tholcke, both of Salinas.

Mr. Bardin spent practically his entire life in California and the spirit of western enterprise found expression in all that he did. His name deserves a prominent place on the roll of honored pioneers and successful business men.

A. E. RODMAN, M. A.

Among the educational institutions of Santa Cruz county, and one that has undoubtly done much, in the most practical way, for the good of the community, is the Santa Cruz Business College, now under the very able management of its proprietor, A. E. Rodman, M. A. A native of Wisconsin, he was born at La Crosse, April 23, 1879 and he came to Santa Cruz with his parents in 1888. As a boy he atended the "Flat" (Laurel) school and later the Glenn Canyon and "Hill" (Mission Hill) schools.

When but thirteen years of age he ran away from home and on the western cattle ranges became a range rider and marksman of considerable repute, although but a boy. In 1894 he gave up the range life and entered the academic department of the University of the Pacific. After his graduation he was department principal in that institution until 1898.

In 1898 Mr. Rodman went to the Gas City Business College as principal of the penmanship and commercial departments, but later in that year he resigned to take part in the Spanish-American war and served as scout in the Philippines, his early range training making him particularly adapted to scout work. In 1900 he returned to the University of the Pacific and received the post-graduate degree of Master of Accounts. From 1901 to 1907 he was actively engaged in higher accounting, expert auditing and systematizing of accounts in San Francisco, where he is well and favorably known for his ability in accounting lines. Mr. Rodman is also considered to be one of the most expert all-round penmen and texting artists in the United States. In 1908 Mr. Rodman reentered the teaching field because of serious difficulty with his vision, resulting in temporary blindness. He was connected with the "Heald" chain of schools as department principal, and it was in that capacity that he was returned to Santa Cruz, where he remained until 1910.

At the time of the World war, Professor Rodman was in charge of the Berkeley Business College, Berkeley, California, but he resigned to enter the military service, where he served in various capacities. After the signing of the armistice he again took up teaching at the Chico Business College, Chico, California, where he remained for over four years, but in May, 1923, he again returned to Santa Cruz and bought the

Heald interests in the Santa Cruz Business College. This business college is one of the oldest schools of the kind in the state, having been founded in 1880 by J. A. Chesnutwood, and has been operated continuously since that time. Many of the leading business and professional men now of Santa Cruz were graduates of the school in the '80s and '90s. In 1910 the school was moved to the Trust building on Pacific avenue, the quarters being designed by Mr. Rodman who was then principal under the Heald management. The school having outgrown the quarters in the Trust building, Mr. Rodman has again moved the school—this time to the new Sisson building, on Pacific avenue near Laurel street. The new school occupies a space one hundred and twenty-eight by sixty-five feet; is a modern fireproof concrete and steel building, and in point of arrangement, equipment, and comfort is very easily one of the best schools in the state. There is a complete printing plant in connection with the school, also a dormitory for girls, and a private apartment for Mr. Rodman and his family.

In 1918 Mr. Rodman was married to Miss Loma Lou Getchell, a prominent young lady of Berkeley, and they have one son, Shirley Lee. Mr. Rodman is prominent in lodge circles and has retained his membership in the Santa Cruz Lodge, No. 96, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for over twenty years. He is also a member of Santa Cruz Exchange Club.

JUDGE A. M. FITZSIMMONS.

A representative of the bench in Monterey county who enjoys the esteem, confidence and good-will of his fellow-citizens is Judge A. M. Fitzsimmons, Justice of the Peace and City Recorder of Pacific Grove. He was born near Meadville, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, December 10, 1845, was taken to Iowa when he was six years of age and to Jackson county, Wisconsin, at the age of fifteen. There he learned the trade of blacksmithing. Still later he removed to northwestern Iowa, where he plied his trade.

In 1874 Judge Fitzsimmons arrived in California, and at first settled at Ione, Amador county. After a while, he removed to the vicinity of Ripon, in San Joaquin county, where he passed seven years. In 1896 he came to Pacific Grove and here engaged in the real estate business. In 1914 he was first elected justice of the peace and city recorder and again in 1922 was reelected, and is still holding both offices. His common-sense, level-headed decisions, based on a wide knowledge of life and a deep-rooted sense of justice have always appealed to the law abiding citizens and Pacific Grove may well be congratulated upon having on its bench so talented and so conscientious a man to preside in matters of equity.

Judge Fitzsimmons has been twice married. His first wife, now deceased, was Eva Vose, a native of New York state; the second Mrs. Fitzsimmons was, in maidenhood, Miss Ella Urwen, and she was born in California. By his first marriage, the Judge had a son, Elmer U. Fitzsimmons and by the second, a son and a daughter,—George L. and Mrs. Ina May Sutliff. Judge Fitzsimmons is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church. He has been an Odd Fellow since 1875 and a Mason since 1895, being a charter member of Pacific Grove Lodge, No. 331, A. F. & A. M. and of Lodge No. 182, I. O. O. F. He is always loyal to the purposes of these fraternities and the teachings of the church and his life has ever been actuated by the high principles of upright manhood and citizenship.

G. T. COTTINGHAM.

A man successful in his field, who thoroughly understands problems pertaining to transportation in California is G. T. Cottingham, one of the wideawake partners in the concern operating under the name of the City Transfer, with offices at 20 Wall street, Watsonville. A native of the Buckeye state, he was born at Troy, Ohio, November 22, 1866, and is a son of James and Helen (Hartley) Cottingham, who were of

English birth. Coming to America they contributed their part toward the development and improvement of this newer land.

During his boyhood, G. T. Cottingham had the advantages of both the grammar and the high school courses. His first position of responsibility was that of a telegraph operator, and soon he was made station agent, in which capacity he was connected with different railroads for twenty-five years in nearly every state west of Illinois. He also raised apples in Idaho and Oregon; and on coming to Watsonville in 1919 and breathing the apple atmosphere here, he felt quite at home.

Instead of going in for horticultural pursuits here, however, Mr. Cottingham took up trucking, and continued in that line alone until he formed his present partnership with W. C. Meginnes in 1923, under the name of the City Transfer. They have done remarkably well from the beginning, evidently filling somewhat of a long-felt want, and early securing the confidence and the goodwill of the public. They keep four trucks in use all of the time, waiting upon their patrons. Mr. Cottingham saw service in the Spanish-American war, as a member of the Twelfth Minnesota Regiment.

Mr. Cottingham was married in Boone, Iowa, in 1899, to Miss Mable Ashmore, and by this marriage there is one child, William, and they also have a grandchild, Doris, now in Chicago. Mr. Cottingham is a Mason, and belongs to the chapter, the commandery and the Shrine and he is deeply interested in both Watsonville and the Pajaro valley, and most willing at all times to cooperate in advancing genuine local affairs.

CHARLES A. PALMTAG.

Charles A. Palmtag, treasurer of the city of Watsonville, vice president and a member of the board of directors of the Pajaro Valley National Bank of that city, treasurer of the local chapter of the American Red Cross and in other ways actively identified with the general commercial, civic and social activities of his home town, is a native son of Watsonville and has lived in that progressive and flourishing city all his life. Mr. Palmtag was born November 1, 1872, and is a son of Christian and Fredericka (Gerber) Palmtag, natives of Germany, born at Baden-Baden in the grand duchy of Baden, who were married in their native place and then came to the United States. Christian Palmtag was by vocation a dyer of silks. Upon coming to this country he worked at that vocation in Philadelphia for some years, and then he and his wife came to California, driving through by ox team with a wagon train from Omaha to the mining settlement at Dutch Flat in Placer county. For several years he remained in the mining region and then came to Watsonville and bought the brewery which had for some time been operated at that place. He made extensive improvements in the plant and continued actively engaged in brewing until his death in 1881, when he was forty-nine years of age. His widow carried on the business for sometime after his death and then sold the plant. She continued to make her home at Watsonville and there spent her last days, her death occurring in 1912, and she is survived by four children, the subject of this biographical review having two sisters, Mrs. Emma P. Walker and Mrs. L. C. Diggins, and a brother, W. F. Palmtag, all now residents of San Francisco.

Reared at Watsonville, the place of his birth, Charles A. Palmtag was graduated from the high school there in 1890 and then took a course in Heald's Business College at Santa Cruz. Following this preparation for a commercial career he was employed as a clerk in the Pajaro Valley Bank at Watsonville, now the Pajaro Valley National Bank, and ever since has been connected with that institution, the largest banking concern in Watsonville. It was on November 2, 1891, the day following the celebration of his nineteenth birthday, that Mr. Palmtag became connected with this bank, and he ever since has been giving his attention to its affairs, by successive promotions having been advanced through the posts of clerk, teller, assistant cashier and cashier to his present position as vice president of the bank. He long has been one of the leading stockholders of the bank and is a member of its directorate, for years having been recognized as one of the foremost figures in local financial circles. At one time he was appointed city treasurer to fill a vacancy in that office and by two successive reelections is still serving in that responsible civic capacity.

CHARLES A. PALMTAG

In 1896 Mr. Palmtag was united in marriage to Miss Grace Truman Lee of Tacoma, Washington, and to this union three sons have been born: Alvin, now deceased; Lloyd and Raymond Palmtag. The family has a very pleasant home at Watsonville and Mr. and Mrs. Palmtag have ever taken an interested part in the city's general social and cultural activities. During the period of this country's participation in the World war Mrs. Palmtag was one of the active workers among the women in behalf of the Red Cross and other war service movements and upon the organization of the local chapter of the American Red Cross during that period of national stress Mr. Palmtag was elected its treasurer and has ever since been retained in that position. He also took a leading part in stimulating local war work and in encouraging subscriptions to the various Liberty loans and was chairman of the committee having in hand the last "drive" in that behalf, the popular "Victory" loan. He is an active member of the local branch of the Young Men's Christian Association and has for years been one of the earnest promoters of that useful organization's activities. Mr. Palmtag is a member of the local parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West, is a Knight Templar Mason and a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and is also affiliated with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

FRANKLIN M. MINICK.

An experienced business man and faithful public official is Franklin M. Minick, city councilman of Monterey. A native of Missouri, he was born on a farm in Shelly county on May 22, 1877, the son of W. G. and Addie (Elgin) Minick, the former a farmer who later entered the postal service and remained in it until he was retired, as a rural mail carrier. Both he and his wife are still living, honored in the circles in which they are well known.

Franklin M. Minick came of old American families, his father having been able to trace his ancestry back to Pennsylvania Dutch blood, and the mother to a fusion of the Scotch and the Irish, but both early transplanted to the new world. He attended the rural schools of Missouri and supplemented his training there with that of the great school of experience, helping his father on the home farm while pursuing his studies. At the age of twenty he took up farm work for himself, and after a couple of years, when twenty-three, began working at various things in various places. Subsequently he enlisted in the United States Army, and saw service in the Spanish-American war with the Sixty-fourth Coast Artillery for three years. For twenty-eight months he was the post baker.

In 1905 Mr. Minick married and came to Pacific Grove on his honeymoon. He was so attracted to the place that he resolved to here make his home. He was first associated in business with E. B. Gross, and later with the T. A. Work Company, until 1913, when he bought the Monterey branch of the T. A. Work Company, which he has ever since operated, starting with a capital of six thousand five hundred dollars, and now controlling an enterprise of large proportions.

Mr. Minick's marriage, in 1905, united him to Miss Edna Moore, of Kansas, who was reared in California and was thus in sympathy with the ideals of the Golden state. Mr. Minick is an Elk and a trustee of his lodge. He belongs also to the Odd Fellows and he has gone through all the chairs of the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Minick is now serving his first term as a city father and being deeply interested in both Monterey and Monterey county, finds it easy to put himself in the place of his constituency and to be of real service to the community.

ORIE W. DUNLAP.

A well organized, well managed industrial establishment of much importance to the county is the Santa Cruz Marble and Granite Works, at 14 Bulkhead street, Santa Cruz, under the proprietorship of Orie W. Dunlap. A native of San Jose, he was born July 21, 1892 and at the age of fourteen he found employment as a cowboy with

conducted under the firm name of Chase & Peterson, but afterward sold his interest and was with the Loma Prieta Lumber Company for fourteen years. While he was with the Loma Prieta Company at the mill in Soquel, in the Santa Cruz mountains in 1906, a flood wrecked the plant and when it had been partly rebuilt, the earthquake caved in the mountain, destroyed the mill, and killed nine men, Mr. Chase luckily escaping. The Loma Prieta was one of the pioneer companies of the county, and its yards and buildings were opened in Pacific Grove in 1883. A. C. Bassett was the original general manager of the company, and he was also a superintendent of the Southern Pacific Railroad, with offices in San Francisco. The company went out of business in 1914, at the starting of the World war and was succeeded by the Loma Lumber Yard which in 1920 closed the yard and went out of business. In 1921 Mr. Chase took over the enterprise, and since then it has been known as the Chase Lumber Yard of Pacific Grove. Mr. Chase has had other lumber interests in the state, having organized both the Stoodly Lumber Company of Santa Cruz and the Molina Lumber Company at Aptos.

Mr. Chase was married in October, 1900, to Miss May Nash, a native of Iowa, and their home circle now includes two children: Melba Lucille, a teacher in the Salinas schools, and Wesley E., a senior at the Pacific Grove high school. Mr. Chase is a member of the First Christian church of Pacific Grove. For years he has been a trustee in charge of the grammar and high schools of Pacific Grove. The cause of education and religion find in him a stalwart supporter and his aid can always be counted upon to further any measure for the public good.

MRS. BELLE LINDSAY.

Among the women of ability and invaluable experience who have come to take high place in public life, may be mentioned Mrs. Belle Lindsay, the efficient county recorder of Santa Cruz county. A native of the good old Yankee state of New Hampshire, she was born into the family of John Scott and Clara (White) George, both natives of New Hampshire and of fine old New England stock. Mr. George was a genuine '49er among California pioneers, and he differed from many others in his unique experiences in that he made several trips to California from the remote east. On the first journey he voyaged around the Horn and arrived at the Golden Gate in 1849, while later he went back and forth across the more or less untracked, Indian-infested plains. He mined in the mother lode district in early days, later was a grain farmer near Chico, in Butte county, and then became a merchant in Santa Cruz. Four children of this worthy couple are still living:C. B. George, F. E. George, Mrs. Lola Seeley and Mrs. Lindsay.

Belle George attended the public schools of Santa Cruz, graduating also from the high school, and subsequently she pursued a course at the Chesterwoods Business College in Santa Cruz. She was the first girl to enroll in the school, and the first girl to be graduated. Then she followed clerical work in the different county offices in the courthouse, and later she was associated with the late A. A. Taylor, publisher of the Santa Cruz Daily Surf, acting as business manager of that popular journal for several years. She became a candidate for county recorder of Santa Cruz county in 1914, and was elected in November of the same year. Since then she has been elected twice without opposition, and is now serving her third term. She is particularly interesting as the first woman to be elected county recorder in the state of California, and even more so, as a woman who has certainly "made good" and proved to be of the highest efficiency. How her work has grown may be judged from the fact that when she took office, there were three clerks under her and now the staff consists of herself and eight others.

Belle George became the wife of Clyde A. Lindsay, a native of Ohio, and she has two daughters: Miss June Lindsay, chief deputy with her mother, and Mrs. Leighton Cox, of Los Angeles, herself the mother of one daughter, Marilyn. Mrs. Lindsay is secretary of the Saturday Afternoon Club and a member of the Methodist church. She is a past matron of the Eastern Star, and she belongs to the Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce. In each and every circle where she is active, Mrs. Lindsay has proven of

value to every movement for the public weal worthy of hearty support and her career only illustrates the possible and helpful cooperation of women in the important and momentous affairs of life.

JESSE A. ZANETTA.

Important among the industrial concerns of Monterey county is the well known establishment of the A. Paladini Company, whose progressive manager, Jesse A. Zanetta, has contributed not a little to its enviable success. A native of Monterey, born July 5, 1888, he entered the family circle of Ferdinand and Fidela (Hinkle) Zanetta, both representatives of old and long-honored families. Mrs. Zanetta's father was the oldest stage driver of this section and a grandfather of Jesse A. Zanetta once conducted the hotel at San Juan, and also the Washington Hotel in Monterey. He came to California in 1846, lived under the Mexican regime and died under the Stars and Stripes in 1888. Ferdinand Zanetta, born at San Juan, grew up to follow the hotel business. Both he and his wife are still living.

Jesse A. Zanetta attended both the public schools and the San Carlos Convent and after finishing the high school course at Monterey, he followed the sea during the war. He then turned his attention to the fish business, to which he has devoted the subsequent years of his life. He is regarded as a man of exceptional experience and since July, 1918, has been manager for the Paladini Company, with branches in Monterey and vicinity. He first went to Antioch, where he handled the company's Sacramento business and then he came to Monterey.

Mrs. Jesse Zanetta was Miss Kissiah Coffrin, of Salinas, before her marriage, and her father was Albert Coffrin, of the well known Missouri family, while her mother was a Bonifacio. As a result of these interesting historic associations, Mrs. Zanetta is one of two children that still owns a portion of the old land grants the last grant owned by the direct descendants. Mr. Zanetta is fond of hunting and is a dog-fancier. While a stanch republican in matters of national political import. when it comes to supporting or opposing local measures he is broadly non-partisan.

JOHN A. HUFFELDT.

John A. Huffeldt is the wide-awake and accommodating proprietor of the Drapery Shop of Salinas and his enterprising business methods prompted him to put forth every effort to please his patrons, knowing that satisfied customers are the best advertisement. A native of Denmark, he was born at Copenhagen, August 20, 1878, the son of a furniture dealer, woodworker and mattress-maker. In his youth John Huffeldt crossed the Danish border into Germany and for four years was apprenticed to learn the upholsterer's trade, after which he returned to his native city and worked for his father.

Later Mr. Huffeldt engaged in building operations and erected six apartment houses, the highest-priced one costing two hundred and fifty thousand dollars; they were five and six stories high, after the manner of houses for many families under one roof. These he rented, bringing in an income of eighteen thousand dollars yearly. In 1914 he sold this property and went into business for himself; but the war came and he was obliged to close out at a big loss. Taking what money he had, he went to the Argentine republic in South America and there he worked at the upholstery trade. He later carried on the same line of work in Patagonia and at the same time that he went on a sheep ranch in order to learn Spanish. He also worked in Chile, San Diego and Valparaiso at different times and while in northern Chile worked in a copper mine owned by American capital.

In 1917 Mr. Huffeldt made his way to San Francisco, by way of the steamer route and soon afterward engaged in growing beans in the Natomis district of Sacramento county. Later he was employed as an upholsterer by the John Brennan Company on K street in Sacramento and next engaged in business at San Francisco under the name of the Danish-American Mattress Company. At the height of his prosperity, there,

however, he suffered heavy loss by fire and on July 1, 1921, he arrived in Salinas with a capital of only seven hundred dollars.

Nothing daunted Mr. Huffeldt established business here under the name of the Danish Mattress Company on West Gabilan street, where he made mattresses until January 1, 1923, when he moved to his present quarters at 347 Main street. There he carries a full line of high-grade furniture, draperies and mattresses, and with a stock and machinery in the rear valued at fourteen thousand dollars, he might well boast of the record he has made as a successful business man. Indeed, he carries the highest grade of goods in his line in Salinas, and that is as much a source of pride to him, as it is a matter of satisfaction to the community.

Mr. Huffeldt belongs to Dania lodge, the Scandivanian Society, and the Danish Brotherhood, in each of which he is justly popular.

CHARLES L. COVEY, SR.

A general contractor whose varied practical experience has always enabled him to do the best he could for his patrons, is Charles L. Covey, Sr., of 15 Hunt street, Santa Cruz. A native Hawkeye, he was born at Van Horn, Iowa, November 14, 1883, but as a child lived in Oklahoma and Kansas. He attended school, however, at Grand Junction, Colorado. His father was Charles H. Covey, a native of Minnesota, and he is still living. He had married Miss Lizzie Bollway, who was born at Peoria, Illinois, and is now deceased.

In 1900 Charles L. Covey commenced to learn the trade of a carpenter, and also cabinetmaker, working at Grand Junction, Colorado, for four years, but in 1904 he went to Los Angeles, where he continued to work at his trade for somewhat over a year. On his return to Grand Junction, he resumed carpentering, but in 1910 he went to Helper, Utah, where he worked for the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, and did contracting and building.

In 1919 Mr. Covey arrived at Santa Cruz and started work on the building of the new Santa Cruz Theater, continuing on that job until it was completed. In 1920 he started in business for himself as a contractor and among other edifices he built the L. A. Reppitta residence on Break Hill, a residence for Mrs. Ida M. Handley on Rooney street and an ice plant, costing ten thousand dollars in Santa Cruz. He also put up an addition to the Bay View school, the Sattler residence at the corner of Bay street and Lighthouse avenue and the H. Smith residence at the junction of Park Way and Soquel avenue, and he remodelled both the New Santa Cruz and the Unique Theaters. He built two cottages at Mount Herman, and also the R. C. Johnson residence, and one for his son, Charles L. Covey, Jr., both on Bay street.

Mr. Covey was married at Grand Junction, Colorado, October 15, 1901, to Miss Minnie B. Carpenter, a native of Lincoln, Nebraska, by whom he has had two children, Charles L. Covey, who is married and has a son, Charles Noble Covey, and a daughter, May, now Mrs. P. B. Rollins of Watsonville. There are four generations of Charles Coveys in the Covey family, all living. Our subject was a grandfather at the age of thirty-eight, the Coveys having a habit of marrying young. Mr. Covey is an Odd Fellow and belongs to the Mesa Lodge, No. 58, of Grand Junction, Colorado.

FRANK R. HART, M. D.

Dr. Frank R. Hart, who was engaged in the practice of medicine for twenty-two years and holds a creditable professional position in Pacific Grove, is a native of Modesto, Stanislaus county, California, born June 16, 1879, the son of Dr. A. J. and Sarah (Coombs) Hart, both natives of the state of Maine. His father was a physician in New England and he came to California in 1869, settling in Modesto, where he practiced medicine for thirty years. In 1892 he removed to Pacific Grove and here, as elsewhere, he soon enjoyed the confidence that inevitably comes to a man knowing his field of labor and doing his simple duty therein. Both of these worthy parents are now

dead, but two sons do honor to their memory—Dr. Frank R. Hart and Charles E. Hart, of San Francisco. The father was a member of Pacific Grove Lodge, No. 182, I. O. O. F.

Frank R. Hart was thirteen years of age when the family moved to Pacific Grove, where he attended the public schools and during his student days was a member of the first football team organized in the Pacific Grove high school, on which he played half back, subsequently he was a student at Stanford University and in preparation for a professional career he was duly graduated after a course in the Hahnemann Hospital of the Pacific, receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1903. He first practiced at Suisun, Solano county, and then at Santa Cruz, and he had won a worth-while reputation before he came to Pacific Grove in 1916.

It was natural that, when the World war called for Americans to sacrifice their personal interests he should volunteer early. He trained at Camp Fremont, and went overseas as first lieutenant with the Eighth Division, stationed first at Brest. Later he was with the Seventy-ninth Division and was also with the Three Hundred and Fifteenth Field Artillery of the Fifth Division, at Luxembourg, belonging to the sanitary train of the Field Hospital. He spent altogether one year and nine months in France. Returning, he organized the American Legion Post No. 283, of Pacific Grove.

In San Francisco, in the year 1905, Dr. Hart was married to Miss Mollie Scaroni, a native of Santa Cruz, by whom he has had two sons, Archie John and Franklin Joseph. Dr. Hart belongs to Monterey Lodge, No. 1285, B. P. O. E., and to Pacific Grove Lodge, No. 331, A. F. & A. M. He organized the American Legion Post of Pacific Grove. Here he has interested himself in the affairs of the fast-developing town; and besides belonging to the County and State Medical Associations, he is an ex-president of the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce.

W. F. HART.

W. F. Hart, the chief engineer of the Watsonville Cold Storage & Ice Company, of 306 East Lake avenue, Watsonville, is a native of the state of Utah, born at Ogden, March 8, 1877. His parents, W. P. and Catherine (Gibbons) Hart, moved to California and fortunately came to live at Watsonville, where the father died, the center of a circle of devoted friends. The mother is still living.

Our subject is the combined product, so far as his studies are concerned, of the Mormon, the parochial and the Methodist schools, but he was well prepared for wrestling with the world, when it came time to enter business. In his native Utah he took up railroading and was apprenticed to learn the machinist's trade. In 1920 he came to California and for ten years he was engaged in the ice business in Sacramento. For two years during that same period he also engaged in mining in Yuba county. In 1912 he came to Watsonville and since then has been identified with the cold storage and ice industry as chief engineer. He has become enthusiastically devoted to the city and this, perhaps, has stimulated his hobby of photography.

Mr. Hart married Rosa Carlson, who was beloved by many who mourn her untimely death. She was the mother of three children, Patricia, William and Elizabeth. Mr. Hart is a home man and enjoys good music. He is wide-awake to civic and political questions of the hour, but prefers to think and to vote as he wishes, rather than to follow clannishly any political party.

J. R. BASHLINE.

A Santa Cruz county official with a splendid record of both proficiency and efficiency, is J. R. Bashline, the county road superintendent, of 206 Maple street, Watsonville. A native of the Keystone state, he was born at Alleghany, Pennsylvania, about fifty miles from Pittsburgh, August 28, 1876, near to the time of closing the historic Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia. His parents were George and Elizabeth

(Downs) Bashline. The father came to California in 1880, preceding his good wife a few months, and took up land in the Fairview district in Monterey county, where they resided for ten years. They have since made their home in Salinas.

J. R. Bashline attended the public schools of Salinas and took a special course in electrical engineering with the Correspondence School, from which he was in time graduated with credit. He established himself in the electrical trade in Salinas and was with the Granite Rock Company, installing all of the machinery at their plant and remaining with that firm for eleven years. Following that, he was for eleven months with the Portland Cement plant at San Juan as electrical engineer, but in July, 1917, he assumed charge of his present position. He is very much interested in the future of Santa Cruz county, and especially in the matter of good roads. He was one of the first to build an oil macadam road in California and superintended the laying of many roads for the Granite Rock Company. He built the road from Castroville to Monterey in 1916. In national politics, he is a republican.

Mr. Bashline married Miss Millie Moore, a native daughter, and they have one child, Evelyn. For twenty-eight years Mr. Bashline has been a member of the Woodmen of the World. He used to be fond of fishing, but now he contents himself with telling his friends all about the fish he once caught.

WALTER J. WILKINSON.

Walter J. Wilkinson, vice president and manager of the Central Supply Company of Watsonville, has long been intimately connected with building operations in California and is therefore well qualified to direct business affairs of extent and importance. He was born in Sonoma county, California, July 30, 1881, and is a direct descendant of General James Wilkinson, a distinguished officer of the Revolutionary war and closely associated with General Washington. Mr. Wilkinson is a son of Hiram C. and Martha J. (Senger) Wilkinson, the former a native of Missouri and the latter of Iowa. The father came to California in 1861 by way of the Isthmus of Panama and followed the occupation of mining in the northern part of the state.

Walter J. Wilkinson was educated in the public schools of Lakeport, California, and his first position was that of engineer for the Lakeport Ice Company. In September, 1898, he went to Santa Barbara, California, and entered the employ of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, aiding in the building of the road. He was connected with the engineering department of that corporation until January, 1906, and engaged in making surveys for the line as far north as Goldfield, Nevada. Coming to Watsonville early in 1906, Mr. Wilkinson associated himself with the Granite Rock Company, taking charge of the construction department. On January 4, 1922, the Granite Construction Company was organized and its officers were: Arthur R. Wilson, president; Walter J. Wilkinson, vice president and manager; and John E. Porter, secretary and treasurer. They specialized in stone and concrete work and were awarded many important contracts for the building of state highways, county roads and city streets. The business transactions of the company amounted to a half million dollars annually, and in this line of work they had few equals and no superiors. Mr. Wilkinson is an engineer of broad experience and ability and his carefully matured plans and systematic efforts have constituted a vital element in the growth and expansion of an extensive business. The Granite Rock Company, of which he formerly served as superintendent, built ninety per cent of the city streets opened in Watsonville during the past fifteen years and is one of the largest organizations of the kind in the west. On the 16th of August, 1924, the Central Supply Company was organized with A. R. Wilson as president; W. J. Wilkinson, vice president and manager; John E. Porter, treasurer, and H. B. Scott, secretary, and the new company has now taken over the operation of the bunkers of the Granite Construction Company in San Luis Obispo, Hollister, Salinas, Santa Cruz and Watsonville.

On March 23, 1903, Mr. Wilkinson married Miss Carrie B. Earle, who is descended in a direct line from Miles Standish, a notable figure in the colonial history of Massachusetts. Mrs. Wilkinson was born in San Francisco and previous to her marriage was a teacher in the public schools of Santa Cruz county. Her father, S.

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A. Earle, was one of the pioneer settlers of the Pajaro valley, and the home ranch is still in possession of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson have two sons, Walter A. and John E. Mr. Wilkinson is a Knight Templar Mason and a Noble of Islam Temple of the Mystic Shrine at San Francisco. He is a past patron of Lilly of the Valley Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and also belongs to Watsonville Lodge, No. 1300, of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is a charter member of the local Exchange Club and vice president of the Contractors Association of Northern California, which has been a most important factor in improving the public highways in this section of the state. Mr. Wilkinson's life has been well spent, characterized by the wise conservation of his forces and rounded with success. He has aided in pushing forward the wheels of progress in the west, and the strength that he manifests in business affairs has its root in an upright, honorable manhood, winning for him the unqualified esteem of all with whom he has been associated.

WILLIAM H. FARINGHY.

William H. Faringhy, an expert accountant and one of the representative citizens of Monterey is now serving as city trustee. He is a native of Kansas having been born at Fort Riley, on December 5, 1867, the son of Louis O. and Ellen (Carew) Faringhy —the former a native of La Belle France, the latter a daughter of Erin's "green Isle." Coming early to the United States, Louis Faringhy served in the United States Army from 1852 until 1883 and was stationed at Fort Riley at the time of his son's birth. There, he and his wife eventually died, honored by all who knew them.

William H. Faringhy was a pupil of both the grammar and the high schools at Junction City, Kansas, and when he had finished with his school books followed in his father's footsteps and made the exceptional record of another thirty years in the United States army service, campaigning in Cuba and the Philippines, seeing it through with General Shafter in Cuba, and with General Pershing in Mexico. He was a major in the Quartermaster Corps and served for three years in the ranks during the World war. He had been retired from the service February 2, 1917, but when the United States entered the conflict, he returned to the Stars and Stripes, and served until October 30, 1920. He is now a member of the Reserve, with a commission of lieutenant colonel of the Quartermaster Corps.

At San Francisco, California, in the year 1902, Mr. Faringhy was married to Miss Agnes R. French, of Texas, a representative of a family also long identified with the American military service. Mr. Faringhy is serving his first term in the city council and at all times manifests a commendable interest in public welfare. Fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner; a member of the Knights of Pythias, who has been through all the chairs, and belongs also to the Modern Woodmen and to the Forty and Eight, and to the American Legion. He was a director of the Chamber of Commerce of Monterey, a member of the Monterey Improvement Club and is fond of outdoor sports and life, with a special liking for baseball.

H. L. STROBEL.

H. L. Strobel, partner in the firm of Strobel & Harper, vegetable growers and shippers, is a native of South Carolina and a representative of one of the old southern families. He was born in Blackville, where his father, John G. Strobel, is now the chief of police. He grew to manhood in South Carolina and received a good practical business education. In 1915 he came to California and located in the Imperial valley, where he engaged in raising vegetables of all kinds for the market.

When the United States entered the World war, Mr. Strobel enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-third Field Artillery and served with that organization in France, taking part in all the actions in which his regiment was engaged. Upon receiving his discharge he returned to California and resumed his business activities. In 1922 the firm acquired the right to use the plant of the California Vegetable Union

in Cooper, near Salinas, which is the center of shipping operations. Here Mr. Strobel, assisted by J. T. Harper, attends to the marketing of their products. The firm handles several hundred carloads of vegetables annually.

In 1917 Mr. Strobel was married to Miss Maud Funk and they have three children: Harry G., Irene Mary and Henry Louis. The family residence is in Watsonville, though Mr. Strobel is generally to be found in Cooper. Mr. Strobel is a member of the American Legion, an organization which keeps alive the fraternal spirit that grew up among the American boys in the field and trenches of France.

JOHN G. DIETRICH.

John G. Dietrich, the genial proprietor of the Moss Rose Creamery, at 8 Alisal street, Salinas, is an expert in all matters pertaining to the line of business in which he is engaged. A native of Switzerland, he was born on May 21, 1877. According to the customs of that country, he helped his father in a cheese factory, and also peddled milk while he attended school. When only sixteen years of age he came out to America and made his way west to Oregon, where he worked with his brother-in-law in a creamery near Portland. This was in 1894, and life and business conditions were very primitive in that part of the country as compared to conditions today.

Removing to California, Mr. Dietrich then became associated with John Meyenberg, of Buena Park, Orange county, in building a condensed milk factory and for ten years was construction engineer for Mr. Meyenberg. He helped to erect the Meyenberg plant at Kent, Washington, and the plants at Forest Grove, Oregon, and at Hollister, San Benito county, California. His last work was with the Alpine Company, as construction engineer for the plant at Gonzales, Monterey county.

In November, 1900, Mr. Dietrich came to Salinas, and soon afterward bought the Moss Rose Creamery on East Alisal street, intent on giving it a new record. Since taking over the property, he has more than doubled the volume of business. Some twelve hundred pounds of Moss Rose buter are now churned daily, and eighty gallons of sweet cream are sent out every twenty-four hours from the plant, which is fully equipped with modern machinery. Since he assumed charge, he has installed an automatic filler and also a bottle-washer and has greatly promoted the business. In 1923 he erected another creamery at Los Robles, which makes both butter and ice cream and retails sweet cream and milk—a model establishment, which he also owns, and which is so popular that he largely supplies the trade from Santa Maria to King City. He has remodelled, besides, the plant of the Nestle's Food Company, at Minnville, Oregon, an interesting fact, because the Nestle's Food Company operates over sixty plants throughout the world.

Mr. Dietrich married Miss Lu Ehrlich, a native of Iowa and they have two sons: John G. and Robert E. Mr. Dietrich is a charter member of the Salinas Rotary Club, and is highly esteemed by his fellow members and by his fellow townsmen at large.

CARL BECK.

Carl Beck, the genial proprietor of the popular cigar store at 18 Soquel avenue, is one of the old-time and esteemed residents of Santa Cruz. He was born in Baden Baden, Germany, January 24, 1857, and there he learned the trade of a brewer. In 1884 he came to California and on reaching Santa Cruz was soon employed by the Bausch Brewery, on Soquel avenue. Later in business for himself, he built and operated the Big Trees Brewery on Market street, and in 1906, in company with five others, he started the Santa Cruz Brewery, removing all of his machinery to the new plant. He also combined the Santa Cruz Soda Works with the new brewing establishment, and he was both vice-president and salesman of the company. He had, besides, a liquor business on Pacific avenue.

In 1917 Mr. Beck followed the trend throughout the country, closed his liquor and brewing business, and took the agency for near-beer products, representing both the

Ranier and other breweries. He also conducts a cigar and soft-drink parlor at 18 Soquel avenue. As has always been his custom, Mr. Beck carries only the choicest stock of dependable products; he aims to give everyone a square deal, and his desire to please has always been appreciated by his many patrons.

Mr. Beck is proud of his two children, Herbert O. and Clara Beck. Mr. Beck belongs to both the Druids and the Red Men, nor is there probably a more welcome fellow there, everybody knowing Carl Beck. He is a self-made man, but the time given to the advancement of his own interests has never precluded his active participation in matters of general welfare and at all times he is thoroughly public-spirited.

EDWARD B. RILOVICH.

Edward B. Rilovich, a well known fruit shipper of 815 Main street, Watsonville, was born in Dalmatia, October 19, 1889, the son of Paul and Katerina Rilovich, worthy people who did the best they could under the far less favorable environment of the overcrowded Old World.

Trained in the ordinary schools of Dalmatia, Edward B. Rilovich continued his studies on reaching California, attending night school in Watsonville. He crossed the ocean in 1907 and making his way west first located at Los Angeles and from there he went to San Francisco and to San Maten. In the latter place, he was for a while in the cement trade, and then was with the T. A. Burns Company as a salesman. In 1910 he came to Watsonville for a short time but later returned to San Mateo county where he remained until 1912 when the firm of Rilovich & Sresovich Company was formed. They carry on business of both packing and shipping fruits and make a specialty of handling apples. They are members of the Chamber of Commerce, the Western Fruit Jobbers, the International Apple Shippers, and are associated with the Fruit Produce Reporter.

Mr. Rilovich married Miss Nina Helen Petrusick, and they have two children, Rita and Lucretia. He has attained to the third degree in the Knights of Columbus, is actively interested in local civic affairs, and is ever ready to advance the interests of both town and county.

AUGUSTUS CARLOS JOCHMUS.

Among those who have contributed much toward the material development of Monterey county and have also done much to preserve both the historical records and the equally interesting and important traditions of the Californians is Augustus Carlos Jochmus, the efficient and popular secretary of the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce, and also secretary of the Central Coast Counties Associated Chambers of Commerce. He was born in Cheyenne, Wyoming, February 21, 1872, the son of Carlos Augustus Jochmus, a native of Constantinople, Turkey, who served with honor in the United States army at Fort Laramie, during the '70s and was at one time a member of the staff of the governor of Colorado. His father, in turn,—the grandfather of A. C. Jockmus—was created an hereditary Baron under Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria, and served with distinction as a general during the Austrian wars in the early '60s. Carlos Augustus Jochmus married Miss Elizabeth Mary Robb, who was born at Quincy, Illinois, and under the stimulating home influences directed by this worthy couple, young Augustus attended the public schools of Denver, Colorado, and prompted by ambition, pursued courses in the Colorado Business College, where he enjoyed a thorough training that qualified him in large measure for the increasingly important activities that have constituted his life work.

His first business engagement was as cashier of the Tortoni restaurant at Denver and in 1922, having removed to California, he became recorder of the city of Pacific Grove. The following year he assumed the still greater responsibilities of the secretaryship of the Monterey Peninsula Committees, Inc., and now, besides directing the affairs of the local and county Chambers of Commerce, he is frequently found at the

head of the most worthy public movements, being extremely loyal to both town and county. As a patriotic, public-spirited citizen, second to none in his fealty to the welfare of the country, he was active in the various Liberty Bond drives during the World war, and he is now chairman of the Monterey-Pacific Grove chapter of the American Red Cross, ever ready to advance the best interests of that meritorious organization. As a chamber of commerce secretary he has been more than a success, working hard to give Pacific Grove and Monterey county better places on the great California map, and as a particularly urbane gentleman, widely experienced in both official and social life and usage, welcoming visitors to what he is pleased often to refer to as "the smallest chamber of commerce headquarters in the world." He has unbounded faith in Pacific Grove and its future, drawing a deal of his inspiration from a study of its romantic and decidedly humane past, and in evidence of this never wavering confidence, he has invested part of his modest competence in two houses and three lots. All he needs now is to discover oil on the undeveloped property, and then he will doubtless establish and endow the largest chamber of commerce headquarters in the universe.

The fortunate marriage of Mr. Jochmus and Mary Camille Parker was consummated at Oakland, in 1896, the bride being the daughter of Mrs. J. H. King and a native of Dutch Flats, to which section her parents came in the early days of primitive California. One child, a daughter named Vyona Camille Jochmus, blessed this union, but all too soon departed this life. Mr. and Mrs. Jochmus are Congregationalists and Mr. Jochmus is a past chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias, and a past council commander of the Woodmen of the World. He is also a member of the "Best People on Earth," which is another way of saying, fraternally, that he is a jolly good fellow.

JOHN W. LINSCOTT.

After fifty-five years of active service in the schools of Santa Cruz county, John W. Linscott, Santa Cruz's "grand old man." is now continuing to render service in behalf of the youth of this county as the dean of the boys high school at Santa Cruz, being firmly held there in the affections of the people of that city and of the whole countryside. Mr. Linscott's service in behalf of the schools of California is perhaps unique in the history of the schools of this state. When in 1919 he celebrated the "golden jubilee" of his service in the schools of Santa Cruz county he was presented, on behalf of the California State Teachers Association then in convention at Lake Tahoe, with a handsome book of congratulation and felicitation carrying messages of personal esteem from some of the most distinguished educators in the United States as well as from his friends and associates of many years standing in this state, a souvenir of affectionate regard that is prized most highly. Five years later, after having passed a period of fifty-five years of continuous service in the school room, Mr. Linscott resigned his position as superintendent of the schools of the city of Santa Cruz, a position he had occupied for almost twenty years, and then was made dean of the boys high school, in which position his gentle influence still is being exerted in behalf of the youth of that city. For years Mr. Linscott also rendered service as superintendent of the schools of Santa Cruz county and in that connection did much toward securing a proper modernization of the local school system and in creating proper standards of education hereabout, his influence in this direction having been reflected throughout the schools in this entire section of the state. For fifty-six years Mr. Linscott has been carrying on his educational work in Santa Cruz county and the record of that devoted labor of love is written on the hearts of thousands who have passed through their school years here during that long period. He has been honored by his fellow teachers in California by election to the dignified post of president of the state association of teachers and in other ways has received evidences of the general recognition of his high service to the state.

John W. Linscott was born in the pleasant old village of Jefferson in Lincoln county, Maine, May 7, 1848, a member of one of the old families of the Pine Tree state, and was there reared amid a favorable social environment. He completed his schooling in the Waterville (Maine) Institute and then began teaching school, being

then little more than a boy himself, and so continued in his home state until in March, 1869, he then being within two months of his majority, when he started for California, attracted by a call that then was going out from this state for teachers from the east. Mr. Linscott came around by way of the Isthmus and on April 7 following (1869) reached his objective, Santa Cruz county. A few weeks later he began his service here as a teacher in one of the rural schools in the vicinity of Watsonville and three years later, in 1872, was elected principal of the Watsonville schools, which at that time were being taken care of by three teachers. For eighteen years Mr. Linscott continued his service in connection with the Watsonville schools, which meanwhile had expanded until the force of teachers had been increased to eighteen in number, and then, in 1890, took up his residence in Santa Cruz, where he ever since has made his home.

It was in 1882 that Mr. Linscott was elected superintendent of the schools of Santa Cruz county but it was not until in 1890 that the salary attached to that office permitted him to give up his position as a teacher at Watsonville and to give his whole attention to the office of county superintendent. By successive reelections Mr. Linscott was retained in the office of county superintendent for twenty-four years (six consecutive terms), or until in 1906, in which year he resigned to accept the position of superintendent of the city schools at Santa Cruz, which latter office he held for nearly twenty years or until his resignation in 1923 after a period of continuous service in the schools of this county of fifty-five years. He then was made emeritus dean of the boys high school at Santa Cruz and is now serving in that wholesome advisory capacity, the benefit of his wide experience in school work thus continuing available to the schools of that city. It was in 1892 that Mr. Linscott was elected president of the California State Teachers Association and his incumbency in that office was marked by some important improvements in the direction of the affairs of that association. He also has rendered service, formerly and for years, as a member of the county board of education, of which he for some time was the president, and has also given cultural service as a member of the board of trustees of the Santa Cruz free library. Mr. Linscott is a member of the Congregational church and is a past grand master (1905) of the grand lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the state of California. He is a Knight Templar (York Rite) Mason, and is a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affililated with Islam Temple at San Francisco. He also is a member of the Santa Cruz Lodge, No. 824, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. In politics he is a republican.

In December, 1870, at Santa Cruz, John W. Linscott was united in marriage to Miss Emma Scott, who was born in Santa Cruz, a daughter of Richard J. F. Scott, the pioneer hotel keeper at Santa Cruz, and who thus has been a witness to the development of the city from its very "day of small things." Mr. and Mrs. Linscott have seven children: Harry, now a resident of Los Angeles; Clara May, wife of J. R. Williamson; William Raymond; Anna Maude; Richard Roy; Hubert Clyde, and Maynard. The last named is a dental surgeon, practicing at Santa Cruz and William R. also is a dentist, engaged in practice at Santa Cruz.

H. G. CORBALEY.

Those who know the genial representative of the world-famous Ford motor car at Salinas never doubt that if he were not setting forth the merits of this popular automobile he would be winning equal success in some other commercial field. As it is, he is one of the most favorably known leaders in motorist circles in this part of the state. He is the manager for H. G. Corbaley, Inc., and as the authorized agent for all the products of the great Ford factory at Detroit, he is kept busy from morning until night, and sometimes through evenings and nights into the seventh day. He also sells the Fordson tractor and the luxurious Lincoln car.

H. G. Corbaley was born at Council Bluffs, Iowa, March 11, 1876, and was reared on a farm. He began to earn his living at the tender age of twelve and in 1896, when twenty years old, he came to California, soon after reaching the coast he found employment on a ranch at San Miguel and later conducted a bicycle shop in San Luis

Obispo for a while, also having a branch at Paso de Robles. As a young man, he was a professional bicycle racer and won track and road races in Iowa and California. In 1900, he went to Palo Alto, Santa Clara county, where he had both a bicycle and automobile shop but it was not until 1919 that he made his advent into Salinas, where he has since engaged in the automobile business, selling the Ford car, the modest little machine that has afforded no end of happiness and relief to millions, and millions who might otherwise not have been able to enjoy motoring at all, while it has also really pointed the way to other manufacturers in the evolution of other moderate priced machines. Notwithstanding the recent competition, however, the faithful, unassuming Ford holds its own. Mr. Corbaley, besides, not only sells Fords, but is kept busy through the demand for the Fordson tractors, and for the more and more popular Lincoln car, an auto as handsome and winning, in every respect, as its name. Mr. Corbaley is a leading and honored member of the Chamber of Commerce, already serving as a president, and takes a very active part in civic affairs. As a charter member he helped to establish the Rotary Club. He belongs to Lodge No. 614, of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and has done his part to make that organization representative of the "best people on earth."

ARTHUR JAMES MASON.

An experienced, progressive and popular municipal official who has done his share in promoting the best interests of Monterey along broad and permanent lines, is Arthur James Mason, the wide-awake city clerk, a native really of neighboring Nevada, but as much of a Californian as one may anywhere find, and thoroughly in agreement with the institutions of the west. He was born at Reno, June 11, 1881, the son of I. T. and Nancy L. (Reed) Mason—the former a native of Illinois, while the latter came from Iowa. I. T. Mason served in the Civil war, and afterward became expert in irrigation work. As a young man he was sent to Del Monte to install the irrigation system there and later was employed by the Southern Pacific Railroad. He took up government land near Carmel and in time retired to live in Salinas. Mrs. Mason who, like her husband, was the center of a circle of devoted friends, breathed her last in 1908, beloved by all who knew her.

Arthur James Mason is a product of the public schools, having graduated from the Salinas high school with the class of '02, and on coming to Monterey he began a ten-year service as manager for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. In 1912, however, he left that employ, and during the next year conducted a tea store in Monterey. Then for eighteen months he conducted a cigar-store and for two years he was the local agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. For the next five years he was half-owner of the Majestic cigar store and in 1922, when he was known by nearly everybody and was properly regarded as everybody's friend, he was appointed city clerk, to the satisfaction of the entire community. He is public-spirited, intensely devoted to Monterey—town and county—and is, in a word, the right man in the right place.

When Mr. Mason was married at Monterey, in the year 1905, he took for his bride Miss Cleona Jeanette Hopps, of Salinas, favorite in the Native Daughters of the Golden West. Two children have blessed this union and they bear the names of Elwyn and Lorraine. Mr. Mason is fond of outdoor life and sports, and this leads him to keep in helpful touch with his natural environment.

JAMES A. BROWN.

James A. Brown, a wholesale bulb grower, of Brown's Bulb Ranch in Santa Cruz county, is an exceptionally energetic man of affairs, whose particular enterprise, in which he has attained to enviable success, is more than ordinarily interesting. He was born at Noblesville, Indiana, July 20, 1882, the son of Alonzo and Jennie Stafford Brown, the former, now a highly esteemed retired financier, having been president of

the Wainwright Trust Company from 1901 to 1919. Major Wainwright founded the bank and early induced Mr. Brown to associate himself with it, so that he was connected with the institution, all in all, for thirty-four years.

For a while James A. Brown attended the public schools of Noblesville, Indiana, and after coming to California when he was seventeen years of age, he continued his studies at Santa Rosa. When twenty-one years of age, he found employment in the hardware business, first at Healdsburg and later at Santa Rosa, and for four years he was manager of the Consolidated Vehicle Company, with a home in San Francisco. In 1912 he came to Santa Cruz and erected his first buildings, being first engaged in the growing of berries. Gradually, he drifted into the growing of bulbs, and now he is the largest grower here and one of the largest in the country, with a very extensive investment. To get fertilizer for his bulbs, he bought a few cows; and thus, more or less unintentionally, he found himself dairying. Today, he has one of the finest registered Guernsey herds in the state, and the milk of this herd is in such demand that it is served on the dining cars of the principal railroads in California and also in adjacent states. This herd also has two of the finest cows in California, and they have taken many ribbons. In his business Mr. Brown employs forty people. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and belongs to the Rotary Club. He is fond of dairy shows and takes his stock to them. He grows begonia bulbs but specializes in gloxinias, which he imported from Europe, thus becoming a pioneer grower. Recently, he has added an ice cream plant to his business, to make that popular product in wholesale quantities.

Mr. Brown was married in Noblesville, Indiana, to Miss Rura Roberts, of that state, who is an accomplished lady and vies with her husband in social popularity. They have two children: Allen, who was graduated from the Santa Cruz high school and is now attending college at Pullman, Washington; Worth, a student in the Santa Cruz high school. Allen was a champion among high school athletes on the coast.

DAVID W. LLOYD.

Nothing is more agreeable, in reviewing the stirring chapters of our pioneer history, than to do honor to those who have gone before, leaving behind an enviable record for real usefulness to the world, to place upon the scrolls forever such a story as that of the late David W. Lloyd, whom to know in his lifetime was to love and esteem, and to hear about, after his demise, was to revere. A native of the great Empire state, that has given to California so many worthy sons and daughters, David Lloyd was born near Rome, Oneida county, May 1, 1831, and came of Welsh descent. He attended the public schools and also went to Whitesboro College, and in New York city he found an attractive clerkship with a wholesale mercantile company. In 1847 he went to New Orleans and on March 1, 1849, started from Fort Leavenworth across the great plains to California. He and his fellow travelers passed the winter at Salt Lake City, and on June 1, 1850, reached Georgetown, El Dorado county, California.

Mr. Lloyd engaged in placer mining in Oregon canon and later was at Nevada City, Nevada county. In the fall of 1853 he went to Santa Cruz and established a mercantile business; remaining in that pleasant seaside place until 1860, when he returned east and for two years engaged in the management of a hotel in New York. Still under the lure of California, however, he returned to Santa Cruz and there he embarked in the livery business. Later he spent two years in San Francisco and for eight years was in the fruit business at Santa Clara. In 1874 he went to Salinas, Monterey county, where he conducted a grocery and provision store, and in 1887 he came to Pacific Grove. Here he had the distinction of being the first permanent resident and merchant. and for many years conducted a general store. In addition to his other business activities he was one of the organizers and a director of the Bank of Pacific Grove.

Mr. Lloyd was married in New York city, in 1860, to Miss Elizabeth F. Roberts, a native of Troy, New York, born November 8, 1841, the daughter of Dr. Wellington Roberts, of England. A gifted and charming lady, she died at Pacific Grove, October 14, 1902. Three of their children are still living: Etta Belle; Mrs. Mabel E. Dinkel-

spiel and Leonia L. Lloyd. Another daughter was the wife of J. O. Johnson, now deceased, who superintended the laying out of Pacific Grove and helped to plat the land, being associated for many years with the Pacific Improvement Company and taking active and helpful part in the development and upbuilding of this section. Mr. Lloyd remained a resident of Pacific Grove for many years and passed away September 8, 1891, highly esteemed by all who knew him. He did all that he could to help build up the town. He was public-spirited, his past experience had been valuable and his judgment good—qualities which made for helpful leadership. Thus it came about that he was often called upon for advice and cooperation; nor was the appeal ever made in vain.

Miss Etta Belle Lloyd, who has been a resident of Pacific Grove for forty-two years, is one of the most prominent and influential figures in the civic life of the city. She is a public speaker of note, has been called upon to introduce many men of note who have appeared as speakers at public gatherings in Pacific Grove, and has written many articles for the press, furthering laudable movements. She attended the State Normal School at San Jose and taught school at Salinas. She was also an able assistant to her father in carrying on his business at Pacific Grove and since the death of her parents she has managed the Lloyd estate in a business-like and satisfactory manner. She has been untiring in her efforts to favor civic progress and public welfare. She favored the movement to keep the motion picture theaters closed on Sunday and she also worked for the new street paving for Lighthouse and Central avenues, an innovation of the greatest value to the community. From such acts as these, it will easily be seen that Miss Etta Belle Lloyd is a decidedly progressive woman. She favored the movement resulting in the organization of the Pacific Grove Musical Society and is one of the pioneer members of the Pacific Grove Woman's Civic Club. For twenty-five years she has been a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal church, and her work has been a beneficent force in the community.

JOHN J. O'NEILL.

A Yankee agriculturist who has succeeded exceptionally well in the field of California husbandry is John J. O'Neill, of Soquel, Santa Cruz county, in which district he enjoys the esteem of a wide circle of friends. He was born at Stockbridge, Massachusetts, February 7, 1871, the son of Ed. P. and Mary T. (Kilduff) O'Neill, and attended first the public schools of his native district and later the college for which Santa Clara is famous. On leaving school he entered the paper mills operated by his father and uncles, and for some time was on the mill's staff at Lebanon, Oregon, until, in 1906, the mill was sold, when he returned to the ranch at Soquel. He thus obtained some of his most valuable experience on the home farm.

At Santa Cruz, January 2, 1895, Mr. O'Neill was married to Miss Louisa J. Getzschmann, by whom he has two children: Edward A., a second lieutenant in the World war; and Dr. John R. O'Neill, also a member of the United States Army. Both of these sons entered the service during the great contest for the spread of democracy, but neither was sent across the ocean. Three grandchildren do honor to the ancient and honorable name of O'Neill.

Mr. O'Neill is a democrat in his political preferences. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Catholic church and he is an active member of the Knights of Columbus. He is fond of fishing and hunting, and this means that he appreciates the great outdoor life of California.

FRANK O'NEILL.

Frank O'Neill, now deceased, was born at Lee, Massachusetts, March 21, 1853, and came to California after the death of his parents. He had already attended schools in the east, and it was in company with his brother Ed. P. O'Neill that he came to the Golden state. They both engaged in the making of paper, Frank

working in Stockton, and Ed P. at Point Arenas. In 1878 they removed to Soquel, where they remodeled the Soquel Mill, originally constructed as a flour mill, being the first in the state. They then went to Lebanon, Linn county, Oregon, and built a mill there. They operated both mills until Ed P. O'Neill died in 1894, after which the property was sold to the paper trust. The firm at that time was O'Neill Bros. & Calaghan, Charles W. Calaghan having become a member of the firm in 1889. The Calaghans were pioneers of Shasta county and his father founded the First National Bank of San Francisco. Charles W. Calaghan is now a resident of Oakland. Frank O'Neill died March 6, 1924, well deserving all the honors showered upon him as a real pioneer of California industry. He left a handsome estate, a monument in itself to his sagacity, foresight and thrift, as well as his broad-mindedness and his progressive enterprise. He was a Catholic and a Knight of Columbus.

NELS J. ENEMARK.

Another enterprising, farseeing merchant who has seen the prophetic writing on Santa Cruz county's wall, and purposes, when the prophecy be fulfilled,that his firm will be among the famed to be found inscribed there, is Nels J. Enemark, the genial representative of the wide-awake purveyors, Enemark Brothers, of Watsonville. He also was born at Freedom, California, a pleasant suburb of Watsonville, on May 15, 1895, and is a son of James M. and Mary A. (Jensen) Enemark. After attending the local grammar school and the Watsonville high school, he began his business experience in his father's store. In 1922 he formed a partnership with his brother, James J. Enemark, and they bought out their father, since which time they have carried on a growing trade under the firm name of Enemark Brothers. They carry a large stock of general merchandise; there is variety and freshness in what they have; and they aim to buy and sell only the best, and to be satisfied with a moderate profit. One result is that their customers have learned that they can depend upon them and that it is no longer worth while to look elsewhere for better bargains.

The marriage of Nels Enemark and Miss Olga Beck, a native daughter of Watsonville, occurred September 3, 1920, and the wedding was one of the gay social events of the season. Mr. Enemark was in the United States Naval Reserve for eleven months during the World war, and he has become a member of the American Legion. He is also connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. During business hours, when he feels the obligation to care for the interests of those depending upon him for service, Mr. Enemark is "all business;" but when he shakes off the cares and restraints of trade, he finds pleasure in fishing and hunting.

LAWRENCE P. CHAVOYA.

An enterprising, progressive merchant whose valuable experience has often been of service to his many appreciative patrons, is Lawrence P. Chavoya, the popular dealer in feed and grain at Monterey, a city and county in which he and his family are peculiarly at home. Their association, in fact, with the history of California extends back to a period considerably antedating the beginning of the American occupancy, when, as another historian has aptly put it, the olden days formed an era widely different from that of the twentieth century. Then the holdings of the landowners were vast, and the rancheros under the heroic Spanish regime constituted a picturesque aristocracy with many characteristics that naturally gave way to the more matter-of-fact, realistic American incomer, who soon divided the tracts into small farms and for the first time fenced the ranges, introducing methods and appliances quite different from those followed or employed by the native rancher. With this early agricultural practice the Chavoya family was closely identified, for several generations of that excellent, rugged stock had operated in the rich coast country—leaders socially, politically and industrially.

Santa Clara county, for example, was the native haunt and home of Alexander

Chavoya, who made his advent to this world there in 1833 and who continued through his long and busy life to remain in California, evidencing the deepest and most helpful interest in the development of its resources and in its prosperity. His native ability and his valuable experience were reflected in his appointment as one of the responsible superintendents for the famous rancheros, Miller & Lux, for whom he both bought and sold sheep. He was also superintendent of the Newhall rancho in Monterey county for ten years, laying aside his cares only in 1905, when he passed away at the ripe old age of seventy-two, highly honored by all men. He had married Miss Magdalena Gulnac, a native daughter, born in 1844, and they were blessed with ten children, all worthy sons and daughters. Mr. Chavoya came of a strain distinguished for longevity, one of the grandfathers living to be ninety, and a grandmother attaining her eighty-fifth year.

Lawrence P. Chavoya has passed all of his years in the central part of the state, and is a true native son. He was born August 10, 1861, at San Jose, where he both began and finished his education. When his parents moved to Monterey county he naturally accompanied them and near San Lucas he first cast his lot in the agricultural field, liking it so well that he continued to farm for a considerable period. He also served for years, with characteristic public-spiritedness, as a trustee of the local schools. After a while, however, the lure of the city brought him into town, where he established both a retail and a wholesale hay, wood and feed yard, and little by little built up an enviable business. His enterprise, leading to his always having on hand just what was most wanted, and his unimpeachable integrity, making him absolutely dependable in all of his dealings, contributed to win for him a large circle of satisfied customers. Always public-spirited, he never ceased to endorse and support movements having for their real object the ultimate, lasting good of the community. This interest in community welfare, led to his serving in Monterey as a trustee of the high school.

Lawrence P. Chavoya married Miss Mary Heron, daughter of the well known pioneer, Peter Heron, but she passed away in the autumn of 1906, at the early age of thirty-eight, the mother of two sons and a daughter: Merle L., Harold J. and Marie A. Chavoya. In September, 1909, Mr. Chavoya remarried, taking for his second bride Miss Ida C. Kendall, a native of Nevada but at that time a resident of the Bay City. Mr. Chavoya has long been prominent in the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Fraternal Brotherhood, the American Yeomen and the Native Sons of the Golden West, and it would be difficult to find any "old timer" held in higher esteem.

CHARLES WALTER PINKHAM.

A county supervisor who well merits his undeniable popularity is Charles Walter Pinkham, in charge of the Seaside road district No. 3, and living at Davenport, Santa Cruz county. He was born at Pescadero, July 24, 1872, the son of William R. and Carrie (Callahan) Pinkham, old-time pioneers, and grew up with all the advantages of a native son, familiar with the ever-changing conditions of the Golden state. He attended the rural schools of Santa Cruz county, and then, for thirteen years, carried on teaming with his own complete outfit.

For five years thereafter, Mr. Pinkham followed various ventures, putting in three years in the redwood forests of Humboldt county; and for seven years he was foreman of a cement plant. After that, for twelve years he was road overseer; and then, in 1923, he was elected supervisor. It fell to his lot to maintain many important bridges, and he also had the responsibility of building a good deal of the best roads hereabouts. He is a democrat, but no one would ever guess that he was partisan from the broad-minded manner in which he has always administered his office and discharged his public trust. He is a loyal wide-awake member of the Native Sons of the Golden West, and is naturally deeply interested in the development of Santa Cruz town and county.

On December 26, 1904, Mr. Pinkham married Miss Gertrude Windler, a native daughter of Humboldt county; and they have one child, a son named Arthur. Mr.

Pinkham is a member of the Moose, and that is equivalent to saying that no one enjoys greater esteem in that fraternal order.

William R. Pinkham, the father of our subject, was born in Somerset county, Maine, in 1841, and there went to school. When he was about twenty years of age, he came to California and located at Pescadero. In 1883 he removed to Davenport, and for a while engaged in the hotel business but during the past thirty years he has busied himself with various occupations, for a long time working at blacksmithing. He was a hotel keeper in Davenport when the lime kilns were there, and as many as fifty sat down to his dinners. There was also a sawmill and two wharves in the town and with a population of five hundred this was a busy place. Now, however, the wharves and the other picturesque features are gone. Mr. Pinkham was married in 1871 to Caroline Callahan, who came originally from Ireland, and stayed for a while in Jersey City, but reached the coast when a girl of seventeen. In 1921 they celebrated their golden wedding. Only two of their seven children are living.

DANIEL C. MARTIN.

A genuine California Argonaut whose memory will long be honored by those who knew him and those since coming after, who have heard his wonderful story, is Daniel C. Martin, now deceased, who crossed the great plains to California in romantic '49. He mined in the mother lode district of northern California and also in San Joaquin county, and returned east by way of Cape Horn, after which he again came to California, crossing the plains a second time. He located in Carmel valley, near Monterey, and engaged in wheat raising in the Pajaro valley. In 1864 he took up a government claim in the Corral de Tierra, where he engaged in the cattle industry. He and two others there built the Washington school which was the first country school in Monterey county. It is still standing, and is yet used for school purposes. For three years he was a school trustee. He and his associates formed the first Republican club in Monterey county, and he served as secretary of the organization, with headquarters at Hilltown. This was during Abraham Lincoln's administration, and it is unnecessary to add that the club held the liveliest of sessions, and kept busy carrying out its ambitious programs. He was always active in republican political affairs, not only holding responsible office but also attending the great conventions of his party. He died in 1884, leaving an enviable record of real usefulness to the world.

In 1857 Mr. Martin married Miss Jane Nestor, a native of Ireland, and their happy union was blessed with six sons, all of whom are living: Daniel, William J., Thomas H., John E., Robert A. and Andrew W. Martin. William J. Martin, the present postmaster of Salinas, was formerly the agent of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Salinas for a number of years, and when he left that organization, he located in San Francisco and was associated with John D. Spreckels on the San Francisco Call. He followed newspaper work there for a number of years, and having returned to Salinas, he took the civil service examination for postmaster during President Wilson's administration and passed with such high marks that he was appointed to the position. Although a republican in party politics, Mr. Martin has enjoyed the endorsement of both parties while twice serving as a member of the state legislature. While in the general assembly he gave thoughtful and earnest consideration to all vital public questions and over his official record there falls no shadow of wrong nor suspicion of evil.

JAMES J. ENEMARK.

James J. Enemark of the enterprising firm of Enemark Brothers, exerts a helpful influence making at all times for that progress beneficial to the community as a whole, rather than selfishly to any individual. Mr. Enemark was born at Freedom, California, December 17, 1893, the son of James M. and Mary A. (Jensen) Enemark, the former a pioneer who, with a brother, N. N. Enemark, settled about two miles to

the north of Watsonville many years ago and have been there ever since. James M. Enemark came from Denmark when a lad of seventeen years, and it was in 1884 that he and his brother started in business together. The latter died in 1921, after our subject's father had bought out his share. The mother is deceased, a kindly lady, pleasantly remembered.

James J. Enemark attended the public schools in Watsonville, enjoying both a high school and a commercial course, and in time he entered his father's establishment. In 1917, however, he enlisted for service in the World war and was a sergeant in the air division. He saw eighteen months of service and now is an honored member of the American Legion. About two years ago, the sons bought their father's interest in the business, and they have made their general merchandise store, conducted under the firm name of Enemark Brothers, a popular establishment. They also sell hay and grain and enjoy a thriving trade.

On June 13, 1920, James J. Enemark married Miss Ruby G. Waite, a native of Texas, who was reared in California, and they have one child, Majorie Jane. Mr. Enemark is fond of hunting and fishing, and also of the social life of the Elks; and his public spirit leads him to take a live interest in the past, present and future of Santa Cruz county, with a particular and natural preference, of course, for Watsonville and vicinity. He casts his ballot for the men and measures of the republican party.

DAVID T. WELCH.

A banker and capitalist whose experience, coupled with his foresight and optimism and conservative progressiveness have frequently been of great service to others, as well as to himself, is David T. Welch, of 202 Willow street, Pacific Grove. He is a native of Ohio, born July 22, 1843, but when three years of age, was taken by his parents to Oskaloosa county, Iowa, and in the Hawkeye state he attended the district schools. When Civil war threatened to break asunder the cherished Union, he entered the service on behalf of his country and remained in the field until the close of hostilities in 1865. He enlisted from Warren county, Iowa, as a member of the Thirteenth Army Corps, Third Division, under General Canby and was made a sergeant. He saw hard service at Columbus, Kentucky, and Yazoo Pass, Arkansas, and was wounded at the battle of Helena, July 4, 1863, when he was shot through the hand. For a time he was in the hospital at Memphis, Tennessee, and then returned to his home for treatment, but later rejoined the army at Little Rock, Arkansas. He was with the reinforcement sent to General Banks on Red river and was in the battle of Salina River, at Jenkins Ferry, where he served under General Steele. On being taken prisoner he acted as a hospital steward in the prison, but escaped, however, and was five days in the woods, finally reaching Little Rock. With his command he was ordered south to Mobile, Alabama, in General Canby's division, and there he was under fire for thirteen days before Spanish Fort surrendered. After that he was ordered south to the Rio Grande and was mustered out at the close of the war.

Mr. Welch then returned to his home in Iowa, where for a time he attended school and was afterward a teacher. In 1867 he started clerking in the general store of A. W. Collins in his home town of Knoxville, Iowa, and later he and Mr. McMillan formed a partnership in the general mercantile business at that place under the firm name of Miller & Welch, continuing in that way from 1873 to 1882. On selling out, Mr. Welch went to Winterset, Iowa, where he and his son, A. M. Welch, engaged in the dry goods trade, and later they started a store at Waterloo, Iowa. In 1903 they sold out and removed to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where they established business under the name of the Welch-Cook Company, importers and jobbers, for the handling of dry goods. In that concern the son was president and treasurer. He died in 1915.

In 1903 David T. Welch retired from business and came to Pacific Grove, California, leaving the Welch-Cook Company, which was one of the largest and leading institutions in Cedar Rapids. At Pacific Grove he became associated with T. A. Work, under the firm name of the T. A. Work Company, engaged in the hardware business, also dealing in lumber and erecting buildings. They purchased some eight hundred acres of land, and this is now subdivided as the fashionable residential section popular

as the Highlands. Mr. Welch was chairman of the finance committee of the company and under his leadership the business certainly flourished, but he sold his interests and retired some eighteen years ago. He became a director of the Bank of Pacific Grove and he is still on the board. He has also served as a member of the board of trustees of Pacific Grove and as its president has been virtually the mayor of the city. He is a deacon in the Mayflower Pacific Grove Congregational church, and is allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, serving as quartermaster of Lucius Fairchild Post, No. 179.

Mr. Welch has been twice married. In 1867 he married Miss Mariah McMillan, a native of Lafayette, Indiana, now deceased, and later he married Miss Harriet N. Snively, of Illinois, who is still living. He has two grandchildren: David T. Welch, Jr., a student at Cole College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Elizabeth B. Welch, a graduate of the Northwestern University, at Evanston, Illinois.

ARMAND H. HUMMEL.

Armand H. Hummel is proprietor of Hummel's garage at Soquel and is widely credited with being unusually well informed on all matters pertaining to motordom and more than successful in catering promptly to every want of the motorist. He was born at Los Gatos, October 20, 1900, the son of Jacob and Nina (Rash) Hummell, who came to California in 1887 and located at Los Gatos. There they engaged in ranching, and there they are still living today, in comfortable retirement, enjoying the esteem and the goodwill of their fellowmen.

Armand H. Hummell enjoyed both public school and business college training, and when his school days were over, he spent three and one-half years with his father, leaving the home ranch in the country to take a position in a town garage. He was also able to attend night school and this still further equipped him for his life work. For three and one-half years he worked in a garage in San Francisco and then spent a year in Santa Cruz.

In January, 1922, Mr. Hummel opened a small place for himself at Soquel; and as his ability as a mechanic and gasoline engine expert was soon recognized, he had to enlarge his place to meet the growing demands of his trade. In January, 1923, he had progressed so far that he was able to buy the property he needed; and in his modern, thoroughly up-to-date garage, he now employs three well trained and obliging men. He has the agency for the Chevrolet car, which for several years past has been considered one of the most dependable investments in the automobile line for the man of moderate means who does not desire to be running to garages for repairs every week, and a car, now that the 1925 new models have outdistanced machines of even a higher class, that bids fair to make a record in sales for the coming year. For those who cannot get away from the habit of rolling up to a repair station whenever anything goes wrong Mr. Hummel maintains the most complete service to be found in any garage for miles around.

When Mr. Hummel married, at Santa Cruz, October 23, 1921, he chose for his helpmate Miss Gladys Nutcher, who was reared in Santa Cruz county and they have one child, Armand A., Jr. Mr. Hummel is a member of the Odd Fellows and the Woodmen and he is fond of outdoor life. In politics he is a republican.

HON. ROSWELL CHAPMAN SARGENT.

A particularly efficient and exceptionally experienced police judge is the Hon. Chapman Sargent of Monterey, a native son born in that cradle of Yankee liberty, and growing up fortunately familiar and in friendly accord with the old Spanish institutions of the place. He first saw the light on August 12, 1866, his parents being Bradley Varnum and Julia Ann (Flynn) Sargent, the former a native of Grafton, New Hampshire, where he was born in 1828. At the time of the rush for gold, in '49,

Bradley Sargent came to California and for a while tried his luck at mining but like so many others soon learned that greater fortunes were possible in catering to the wants of the fortune-hunters, and by 1850 he was conducting a hotel in San Jose. Selling out his interests there, he made a trip to the Sandwich Islands but returned the same year to meet his three brothers, who had crossed the wide plains. Together, they formed a company and embarked on a large scale in the raising and handling of stock. They located near Woodbridge, in the San Joaquin valley, and were so successful that they acquired large holdings in San Joaquin, Santa Clara and Monterey counties. They owned the La Pestelencia rancho of some twelve thousand acres in the southern part of Monterey county, and also the El Potrero San Carlos y San Francisquito rancho, of twenty-three thousand acres, within six miles of Monterey. When the property was divided, it was agreed that each one should take as his portion the part he had presided over and had developed, and that the balance should be equally divided. Bradley Sargent married Miss Julia Flynn, of Boston, and they had four children: James P., Roswell C., Bradley V. and Harriet. Mr. Sargent served on the board of supervisors of Monterey county from 1885 to 1887, showing his public-spiritedness particularly in his deep interest in the public schools. He was a democrat in his preferences as to national politics; was a member of the Pioneers' Society, and was also an Odd Fellow and a Knight Templar Mason. He passed away in 1895 enjoying the enviable reputation of a man whose word was as good as his bond.

Roswell Chapman Sargent attended the public schools of Monterey and later matriculated at Santa Clara College, where, as a member of the class of '86, he was given the Bachelor of Science degree. Then he took up farming on his father's ranch and continued to follow agricultural pursuits until 1915, in which year his mother died. His own health having become impaired, he did little for five or six years. After that, he and his brother divided their property, and R. C. Sargent took the Bradley ranch.

At Monterey, in the year 1891 Judge Sargent was married to Miss Hannah Wade, of San Francisco. Her own family associations are interesting: A sister is Martha Harriet Weill, of Maplewood, New Jersey, and another sister is Mrs. Stewart I. Weill, whose husband is of the American Telegraph Company, New York. Julian Wade, of Dodge Brothers Automobile Company, served in the United States army in the World war. Judge and Mrs. Sargent have three children: Mrs. Harriet Sargent Weill, of Maplewood, New Jersey; Julian W., of Monterey, and R. C., Jr., of East Orange, New Jersey. Judge Sargent is among the most welcome of Elks; is also an honored member of the Knights of Columbus; and is active in the Native Sons of the Golden West. A democrat in politics he does not allow any political bias to come in the way of doing his best, at all times, for the section in which he lives. For six years he served faithfully as one of the progressive members of the city council of Monterey and in 1922 received the mayoralty appointment to the office of police judge.

MATEO LETTUNICH.

A native of Austria who has made his mark in America is Mateo Lettunich, the wide-awake and progressive business man of 110 Maple avenue, Watsonville, well known throughout and beyond Santa Cruz county. He was born in Dalmatia on February 2, 1857, the son of Nicholas and Anna Lettunich, worthy folks who lived and died in the land of their nativity, Mr. Lettunich passing away when Mateo was about seven years old, while his wife died in 1894.

Mateo Lettunich attended the best schools available in Dalmatia but when many other boys were thinking of sport or leisure he had to begin work for a living, and the only work near his home was with the orchardist. When sixteen years of age, he crossed the briny deep to the much-talked-of United States, and for a year and a half supported himself amid the harsh competition of the grinding New York metropolis. He then went south to Aspinwall, Panama, and tried the heavy labor required of the longshoreman but on account of the fever prevalent there, he came northward to San Francisco, and in 1875 engaged in the restaurant business being employed by others for twenty-one months. He next moved on into the wilds of Humboldt county, and in

Arcadia started a restaurant for himself but tiring of this he left the redwood forests and made for the more settled Eureka, even then rather remote from and devoid of the comforts and elegancies of civilization. There he remained for fourten years, while serving others with his appetizing meals and helping them along the log-wood thoroughfares of life

While in Humboldt county he engaged in the buying of fruit and timberland and in different lines he became a trader. By watching, he learned much in the trading game and to this training in the northern "back woods," he attributes no little of his later success. In 1891 he sold his interests in Humboldt county and departed with regret from a wholesouled and large-hearted, if somewhat primitive community, after which he made a visit to his aged mother in his native country, remaining at home for a year. On his return to the United States in 1892 he came direct to Watsonville, for as early as 1888 he had become interested, with his cousin, in the possibilities of fruit buying and fruit packing in Santa Cruz county.

It was not long therefore before these ambitious young men were the first to ship apples by the carload and, thanks to the impetus given them by their old neighbors, they shipped the first car of bellflower apples from this section, which has since become so famous for its apples. From a modest beginning they have gradually become the largest shippers and packers and growers of apples in this locality and now Mateo Lettunich is the owner of the celebrated Del Monte fruit ranch at Aromas, is one of the owners of the Lettunich building in Watsonville, the principal office building in that city and also has other large property interests in and about the city. He was one of the organizers of the Fruit Growers Bank of which he is still a director.

Mr. Lettunich married Miss Rose Farlan, a native daughter, who was born in 1875 and who died in 1900, leaving a blessed memory to their two children, Nicholas N. and Louis—the latter a volunteer in the World war campaigns of the United States army. He enlisted really before he was of age, and saw hard service in far-off Siberia. One grandchild, Mateo, gives joy to the grandfather. Mr. Lettunich is a member of the Knights of Columbus, of which he was a charter organizer. He is public-spirited and takes a live interest in all civic questions and local political affairs. In politics he votes for the man and the measure rather than according to any party's dictates. As one of the organizers of the Austrian Benevolent Society, he has done much for his native countrymen of this community, while himself doing his full duty as a loyal American by adoption. It is through such a useful, successful life as that of Mateo Lettunich, laid out on broad-gauged principles, and progressing in deep sympathy with mankind and in close touch with the spirit of the age, that one may see the valuable contribution frequently made by the Old World to the fortunate development, building up and upbuilding of the rapidly-transforming New.

CHARLES HOOSIER.

A contractor whose experience has been his next best asset in addition to his character and dependability, and his energetic, never-failing spirit of twentieth century enterprise, is Charles Hoosier, of 362 Market street, Salinas, who is well known throughout a large part of Monterey county. He makes a specialty of cement and brick work, and if there be anyone who knows the field better, he would like to meet and shake hands with him.

Mr. Hoosier perhaps ought to have been born in Indiana, the great Hoosier state, but he first saw the light at Topeka, Kansas, where he was born June 27, 1887. His father, William Hoosier, now deceased, was a native of Indiana, and he came to California in 1891, farming in Humboldt county and later in Monterey county. All who knew him appreciated his sterling worth.

Charles Hoosier was reared in Salinas, where he attended school, and here, where he has come to know everybody, he has lived ever since. He learned the trade of a bricklayer with William Whitcomb, now deceased, a pioneer contractor of Salinas, and later became Mr. Whitcomb's foreman, in charge of the construction of many of the fine brick buildings in Salinas, including the Salinas Hotel, the Foresters Hall, the Leader Bakery building, the Nugus building, the First National Bank building and

the Farley building. In Soledad he erected the Foresters Hall and the Gambetti building and in Gonzales the Red Men's Hall, and the Monterey County Bank building in King City.

On the death of Mr. Whitcomb, in 1914, Mr. Hoosier established himself in business, and since then the greater part of his work has been concrete construction. He has put in the foundation and brick work in practically all of the fine houses built in Salinas during the past ten years, and he has laid over five hundred thousand feet of sidewalk in Salinas, so that the city now has more cement sidewalks, as compared with other cities of the same size, than any other town in the Golden state. He laid over seventy-five thousand feet during the last four months in 1924.

On the 13th of October, 1916, Mr. Hoosier was married at Santa Rosa to Miss Mabel Anderson, of Castroville, the worthy daughter of an old pioneer family, and their children are: Charles, Jr., and Shirley. Mr. Hoosier belongs to Salinas Lodge, No. 183, Knights of Pythias.

ARTHUR MARION WEBB.

Arthur Marion Webb, the proprietor of Webb's Cakkle Farm, at 227 Park Way, Santa Cruz, was born on a farm near Corinth, Mississippi, August 28, 1879. His father died when he was a babe. Having been taken to Nebraska when he was a child, he was sent to the public schools in that state and from his thirteenth year he began to take care of himself.

For four years he worked in a soap factory and then came to California, locating in San Francisco, where for ten years he was employed as a trunk and box maker. Mr. Webb found conditions in the city unsatisfactory and was persuaded to locate in Santa Cruz in 1910. With a borrowed capital of one hundred dollars and with one hen and a few eggs, he embarked in the chicken business. He put heart and brain into the new undertaking and in time purchased fifty chicks, so that at the end of the first year he had one hundred and fifty, from which he realized two dollars a piece profit on each hen. He is now feeding eight thousand hens, more than anyone else in Santa Cruz county, which county now ranks third in the poultry business in the state. Mr. Webb has a large hatchery, where he brings out one hundred and fifty thousand chicks a year and these he ships to various parts of the state. In a recent henlaying contest one of his hens came out second. He is not only regarded as the pioneer in his line in this section, but he is one of the most successful poultry men in this section. He is also a booster for Santa Cruz county for the poultry business. In politics, he is a democrat, believing in the grand old principles of the historic party of Jefferson and Cleveland.

In 1923 Mr. Webb was married to Mrs. Anna E. Abbot Taintor, of Orville. He belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose and is fond of hunting and fishing.

CHARLES N. BENNETT.

A representative citizen of Monterey county is Charles N. Bennett, of 432 Central avenue, Pacific Grove, who has been most active in the development and improvement of the Monterey peninsular. With broad vision he has seen the possibilities here and has utilized the most practical measures in accomplishing ideal results. A native of Wisconsin, he was born in Dane county, March 3, 1860, and when eleven years of age accompanied his family to Missouri. In 1877, when he was seventeen years of age, the family came to the Pacific coast, settling in San Francisco.

There Charles N. Bennett entered the employ of the Pacific Improvement Company, which was engaged in building the Central and the Southern Pacific Railroads. He worked at railroad construction along the Shasta route and also on the Southern Pacific line from Los Angeles to San Antonio, Texas. In 1888 he came to Monterey in the employ of the Pacific Improvement Company, now the Del Monte Properties Company and as superintendent of construction he built the famous Seventeen Mile Drive.

In fact he did all the construction work for the company and laid out five additions to Pacific Grove. He has thus had more to do with the upbuilding and improvement of the Monterey peninsula than any other one man.

At present Mr. Bennett is engaged in constructing ornamental stone and tile work in the beautiful homes at Pebble Beach, much of this being in the old Mission style in residences costing from eight to ten thousand dollars. He also makes a specialty of building patios. Some of these being in the old Roman Cathedral style while all are thoroughly artistic and beautiful. Mr. Bennett also has other business interests, being a director of the Bank of Pacific Grove.

Mr. Bennett is a member of Monterey Lodge, No. ~~231~~ 217, F. & A. M.; of Salinas Chapter, R. A. M.; Watsonville Commandery, K. T. and Islam Temple of the Mystic Shrine at San Francisco. He is active in civic affairs and served for six years as trustee of Pacific Grove, during which period he was chairman of the streets, fire, water and light committees. He was the father of the movement to pave the streets, thus adding greatly to the real attraction of the city and he also was very active in the work of installing the new street lights. The value of his service as a public official and of his business activity can scarcely be overestimated and his name is placed high on the roll of those who have made the Monterey peninsula one of the beauty spots of California.

SMITH McKENZIE.

Smith McKenzie, car foreman for the Southern Pacific Railroad at Watsonville Junction, enjoys the confidence and goodwill of his fellowmen largely because of the goodwill he displays toward others, and the confidence he imposes in those under his control. A sturdy Hoosier, he was born in Indiana, November 16, 1873, the son of William and Rachael (Bates) McKenzie, and he is descended from old American stock such as one may always be proud of, his father coming from Kentucky, and his mother from Ohio.

When eight years of age, Smith McKenzie went to live with his grandmother, by whom he was reared because of the size of the family circle, their being eight children. He acquired his education in the public schools. At eighteen he went south, where he engaged in railroad work for eight years, continuing in that line in Missouri for a time. Later he spent one year on a farm in Indiana, after which he was again connected with railroad work in the south. Next he spent a year with a government outfit and was with the Kansas City Railroad for five years, with headquarters at Memphis, Tennessee.

In the spring of 1900 Mr. McKenzie entered the employ of the Santa Fe Railroad Company as a bridge carpenter at Albuquerque, New Mexico, and the next three years were spent in the Mogollon mountains in that state, building a stamp mill for a mining company. He then worked in Arizona, in Los Angeles, in Portland and Ashland, Oregon, and in Hornbrook, California, and in 1912 he was transferred to Watsonville Junction as a car foreman, which position he still holds, to the satisfaction of all concerned.

When Mr. McKenzie married, he chose Miss Mabel F. Plummer of Minnesota for his helpmate, and to them have been born two daughters, Gertrude and Florence Marie. Mr. McKenzie is a Mason, an Odd Fellow and a Woodman, and in politics is a democrat. His hobby is gardening.

HON. ERNEST MICHAELIS.

Hon. Ernest Michaelis, a popular and fearless justice of the peace, representing the municipality with both efficiency and dignity, was born at Bismark, in Prussia, July 2, 1847, and as a youth learned the barber's trade but tiring of this he ran away from home to try his fortune in the new world. He never lost his affection for his father, however, and when he had settled down, and had begun to earn a fair

living and to be able to maintain an independency, he sent for the father to come to America and join him so that through this filial act, the old gentleman was able to spent the remainder of his days with his son, passing away November 29, 1908, at the ripe old age of ninety-one years.

When he left home Ernest Michaelis shipped on a merchant vessel and thus came to the new world at New Haven, Connecticut. After a while, being out of funds, he started to walk to New York but happening to stop at Bridgeport, Connecticut, there secured employment as a polisher, and also worked as a varnisher in the factory of Messrs. Wheeler & Wilson, the sewing-machine manufacturers. He had every prospect of doing well there and of advancing his material interests but his irrepressible patriotism led to his enlisting, on January 27, 1863, in the cause of the Union, joining Company H, Second Connecticut Heavy Artillery, under Colonel Kellogg, serving with honor until he was discharged January 27, 1865. He saw considerable fighting, and with one exception, his regiment lost the largest number of men of any regiment in the entire service.

After his discharge, Mr. Michaelis again worked as a barber but later enlisted in the regular army and was chosen recruiting sergeant. In 1868 he availed himself of a possible assignment to the Fourteenth Infantry, and in due time was ordered to Arizona for service, arriving in August of that year at Angel Island, on his way to Arizona, with a detachment of soldiers. Later he secured an honorable discharge in Arizona and returned east but he was soon again in San Francisco, where he engaged in business from 1870, becoming part owner of the Washington Baths, one of the old landmarks of the city. Intending to go to the coal mines, Mr. Michaelis arrived in Monterey in 1879, but finding that the favorable reports of the mining conditions had been greatly exaggerated, he again took up the barber's trade which he followed at Monterey for twenty years. From 1894 to 1900 he also conducted the Monterey Cypress, which he published in his own building and under his personal supervision but finding that he had too much to do he closed his shop. For the past thirty-four years, or since 1890, he has been a well known justice of the peace at Monterey and it is doubtful if anyone could have proven more competent. Judge Michaelis is a republican but he never allows his political preferences to bias his judgment or affect his official acts.

Mr. Michaelis was married to Miss Wilhelmina Erdlen, a native of Augsburg Bavaria and their union has been blessed with five children, two boys and three girls. Mrs. Michaelis died April 3, 1917, leaving as an inheritance a blessed memory.

Judge Michaelis is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and also belongs to the Spanish War veterans. He is likewise a member of the Moose. Widely known and everywhere esteemed, he has the good will or gratitude of many, and all recognize his fairness and impartiality in office and his loyalty in all matters of citizenship.

J. R. MAJORS.

An experienced, progressive dairyman who believes in the application of the most advanced methods and the introduction of the most up-to-date apparatus, in order to guarantee the most sanitary conditions, is J. R. Majors, the well known dairy farmer of Laguna Creek, living north of Santa Cruz on the way to the cement lands. He was born at the old Majors homestead, September 3, 1873, and is a son of Joaquin and Kate (Buckley) Majors, the former a native of Scott valley, where he first saw the light in 1840, and the latter a daughter of Erin, who came from Ireland with her parents when she was a little girl. The paternal grandfather, Joseph Majors, was born in Kentucky and came to California when this state was under the Mexican government. He was alcalde of Santa Cruz and at one time was a military prisoner in the old barracks at Monterey. Joaquin Majors, who died when he had just passed the eightieth year mark, was the owner of an old Spanish grant, the valuable property extending for eight miles from Santa Cruz to Laguna Creek. His wife died forty-nine years ago. In their family were seven children.

During his boyhood J. R. Majors attended the rural schools and began to help his father on the home ranch. The place now consists of one thousand acres, on

which are seventy milch cows, one hundred acres are devoted to hay and one hundred and sixty acres are given over to the growing of artichokes. This is the center from which Joaquin Majors trapped bears, sometimes getting them within his own estate, and luckily escaping any situation in which bruin might have gotten him. The Majors family is one of the oldest in this part of the country and many good stories have been handed down illustrative of the changing events. Our subject is a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West, and there are few sons more patriotic and public-spirited. In connection with his dairy business he manufactures cream cheese during the winter months.

On the 23d of January, 1913, Mr. Majors and Miss Madaline Cook were united in matrimony, the bride also being a representative of an old family. Her grandfather was an early pioneer, and her father, Albert Baker Cook, was born and reared in this section. She grew up on the banks of Laguna creek, near which she had been born and she is thus thoroughly familiar with the traditions of the country and equally desirous of seeing Santa Cruz come to the fore. Mr. Majors belongs to the Eagles; and in politics he subscribes to the platforms of the historic "grand old party." Both he and his wife are members of the Catholic church.

JOSEPH RAMON SOMAVIA.

An experienced, farseeing and conservative banker is Joseph Ramon Somavia, the vice-president in charge of the progressive and fast-growing Bank of Italy, in Salinas, having charge of all the Monterey county branches of the parent institution in San Francisco. He is fortunate in having been born in the old historic town of Monterey, and so having early acquired the California spirit through a familiarity with the institutions and the trend of affairs in Monterey county. His birth occurred January 11, 1863, his parents being Joseph Anthony and Josefa (Ramona) Somavia, the former a native of the Basque provinces, born December 13, 1820, and the latter a native of Spain, born August 25, 1831. Mr. Somavia first emigrated to Chili, and from there to Mexico and, coming north, arrived in California in 1851. He engaged in the cattle business in Santa Barbara county, and then, continuing in the same enterprise, went over into Monterey county, near Gonzales. In each locality he left a record for efficient, honest dealing. He had two sons, both of whom are still living: Joseph Ramon, of this review; and John Ignatius, an esteemed resident of San Jose.

Joseph Ramon Somavia graduated from Santa Clara College in 1886, receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree, while later he took a postgraduate course, that resulted in his receiving the degree of Master of Science. He made a specialty of engineering. Starting out in the business world, he joined the staff of the Commercial and Savings Bank of San Jose, with which he was associated for eight years, when it was merged with the Bank of Italy, being one of the first banks outside of San Francisco, of the long series now making up the splendid showing of this powerful fiscal institution. Joseph Somavia, on leaving San Jose, located in Gonzales, Monterey county and for eleven years was with his father and brother in the cattle business. Returning to Santa Clara, he became a member of the firm of Fatjo & Somavia, and together they organized the Mission Bank of Santa Clara which was later acquired by the Bank of Italy. Then he returned to his ranch at Gonzales for two years, and afterward bought a controlling interest in the Bank of Gonzales, of which he was president. This bank was subsequently sold to the Monterey County Bank.

Locating in Salinas in 1918, as appraiser for the Bank of Italy, Mr. Somavia was employed to look after the loans in the Valley. The Bank of Italy bought the First National Bank of Kings City, some three years ago, this being the first bank in Monterey county, acquired by the Bank of Italy. Thereupon, Mr. Somavia assumed the management for the Bank of Italy in this vicinity. In the Fall of 1923, the First National Bank of Salinas was sold to the Bank of Italy, and Mr. Somavia was made vice-president and placed in charge. In the spring of 1924, the Bank of Italy acquired a bank in Monterey, making three banks owned in Monterey county, and all this is a matter of interest and pride to Mr. Somavia for he has been associated with the Bank of Italy in this valley for many years, and he well knows the satisfaction of the

public in its experience as patrons of these institutions. Now Mr. Somavia is vice-president and has charge of all three of the banks of the Bank of Italy in Monterey county.

In 1903 Mr. Somavia was married to Miss Maria Rosa Nuttman, a native of Georgetown, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of the president of the San Francisco Casket Company. They have three children, Joseph Ramon, (III), now a student at Stanford University; Martin Eduarda and Juanita Ramona. Mr. Somavia is a public-spirited man, and during the World war, he was chairman of the Red Cross for Monterey county, and did valiant work in that connection. He is president of the Salinas city library board, and he donated the land and built the school in Somavia school district. Later serving on the board of trustees. He belongs to Salinas Lodge, No. 614, of the Elks, and is generally esteemed for his fraternal feeling.

JUDGE D. W. ROHRBACK.

A highly esteemed representative of the California Bench, whose decisions have displayed a desire to give all parties concerned a square deal, is Judge D. W. Rohrback, the well known fruit-grower of Watsonville, who is also justice of the peace in the Pajaro district. A native of the great state of Illinois, Mr. Rohrback was born in Oregon City in 1854, the son of Daniel and Mary (Hill) Rohrback, his father being a descendant of good old Pennsylvania Dutch stock. The family came to California in 1866 and settled in Contra Costa county; removing after a few years to Gilroy, where they lived until the father's death. The widow and the others of the family then came into the Pajaro Valley.

D. W. Rohrback had the usual training given to a boy in the public schools and while still in his youth began to assist his father, who was a cattleman. Arriving in the Pajaro region, he turned to the growing of fruit, and with one fruit ranch of thirty acres, and another of twenty, he has been very successful as an apple grower, and no "booster" could excel his enthusiasm in regarding his home environment as the best spot in the world.

The Judge was married to Miss Mary Hazen of Connecticut, who passed away April 16, 1925, leaving many friends, because of her estimable life and many good deeds. Five daughters have been born to this marriage, namely; Herma, Nellie, Gertrude, Frances and Verline. In public welfare Judge Rohrbach is deeply interested. He has served as horticultural commissioner for this part of the county for five years. Being very fond of flowers, he has also done what he could to encourage floriculture. He was one of the organizers of the Pajaro Chamber of Commerce and has been its president.

A republican in matters of national political import, Judge Rohrback is too broad-gauged to allow his own political convictions to interfere with his heartiest support of purely local measures, where partisanship should have no place. He is now serving his eighteenth year as justice of the peace in this northern part of Monterey county; and believing that speeders should be removed to some other sphere, perhaps another planet, delights in imposing his best-known antidote for the mania—a jail sentence that means jailing. Notwithstanding this firm stand upon a much-discussed question, Judge Rohrbach enjoys an enviable popularity, and as a trustee of the Monterey Union high school he is influential in the cause of education for the people.

ANDREW B. JACOBSEN.

A well trained plasterer whose wife and varied experience has enabled him to carry on successfully the more important work of contracting, sometimes on a large scale, is Andrew B. Jacobsen, of Del Monte boulevard, Pacific Grove. He was born on a farm at Dwight, Illinois, July 28, 1889, and accompanied his parents to San Francisco when he was six years old. His father, Neils Jacobsen, was engaged in dairying until the great fire, following the earthquake of 1906, which destroyed all that he had.

He then resolved to enter a new field and took up plastering, at which he did so well that he is now living, with his good wife, in comfortable retirement.

Andrew B. Jacobsen attended the grammar schools of Alvarado, California, and later the Polytechnic of Oakland, and besides enjoying some private study, he was able to pursue an excellent commercial course at Heald's Business College. This latter experience enabled him to become an acceptable bookkeeper for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company but later he took up plastering, for which there was a real demand by those who knew the trade thoroughly, and in 1921 he came to Pacific Grove, where he has been welcomed and patronized, and made to feel that he is indeed one of the Peninsulars. At the present he is plastering the Golden Bough Theater at Carmel, and he has also done the inside and the outside of the Duarte building. The Knights of Pythias Hall and the Titus building are other excellent examples of his work in the commercial districts, and he has numerous specimens of his talent, such as the H. Hansen home, to prove his ability. He has also done much of the best work in plastering on the old Spanish homes on the Mesa. He belongs to the Builders Association.

In 1915 Mr. Jacobsen was married to Miss Dagny Bergesson, a native of Monterey county, and their union has been blessed by the birth of two children, Madeline and Lucile. Fraternally, Mr. Jacobsen is well known and also popular, belonging to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and to the Knights of Pythias.

EDMUND J. LEACH, D. D. S.

Dr. Edmund J. Leach is a highly skilled dental surgeon of Salinas, in which city he was born, September 28, 1897, the son of John H. and Katherine (Kelleher) Leach. The father came from the Blue Grass state, Kentucky, and was distinguished for southern courtliness and honor; while Mrs. Leach was a native daughter of California and came from the old capital town of San Jose.

Edward J. Leach attended the grammar and high schools in Salinas and after finishing the required courses there, matriculated at the College of Physicians & Surgeons in San Francisco, from which he was graduated with the class of '18, when he received the degree of D. D. S. Imbued with patriotic zeal, Dr. Leach became a pharmacist's mate, first class, at the Base Hospital of the United States navy, stationed at the Mare Island Navy Yard. He first practiced his profession in King City, California, and from there removed to Salinas. He is a member of the Monterey County Dental Association and by reading and study keeps in touch with the latest scientific researches and discoveries.

Dr. Leach was married in 1920, to Miss Gladys Mayers, popularly known in Salinas, and they now have one son and one daughter: Edmund J., Jr., and Eleanor. Dr. Leach is a charter member of King City Post of the American Legion, of which he was vice commander; and he is a past commander of Salinas Post, No. 31, of the Legion. He belongs to Santa Lucia chapter, No. 97, of the Native Sons of the Golden West; and he is a Grand Knight of the Salinas Council, No. 1948, of the Knights of Columbus. Dr. Leach is a director of the Salinas Chamber of Commerce; and he is a member and the secretary of the Salinas Rotary Club. All in all, because Dr. Leach has accomplished so much the Monterey county public could not fail to appreciate his coming here, or fail to give him the right hand of fellowship.

WILLIAM W. BENDELL.

William W. Bendell, automobile dealer at Watsonville and widely known in the trade throughout this section of the state, is a native of Ohio but has been a resident of the west since the days of his boyhood and of California for ten years and more. Mr. Bendell was born in the pleasant village of Lagrange in Lorain county not far from the lake in northern Ohio, August 28, 1884, and was eight years of age when in 1892 his parents, Charles C. and Fidelia Jane (Leaver) Bendell, moved with their

family to Denver, Colorado. In 1914 William W. Bendell, who had been engaged in the commission business in Denver, came to California as the representative of the Hill-Smith Metal Goods Company of Boston, making his headquarters at Los Angeles, from which place he presently was transferred to San Francisco as branch manager of that concern's operations in California and was thus engaged at San Francisco until in April, 1920, when he moved to Watsonville and became engaged in the automobile business.

As will be noted above, William W. Bendell was but eight years of age when in 1892 his parents made their home in Denver and in that city he was reared and educated, going on through the high school. He became associated with his father's commission operations in Denver and after some later experience in a commercial way, connected with other concerns there, he became the California representative of the Hills-Smith Metal Goods Company of Boston, manufacturers of automobile parts, and was for three years thus connected, with offices at San Francisco. It was on April 1, 1920, that Mr. Bendell took over the Ford agency at Watsonville and has been carrying on that business, with a well equipped garage and a well stocked salesroom, amply equipped in the way of accessories and with facilities for general repair work to meet all demands of the local trade. Since taking over this business Mr. Bendell has done much to extend the operations of the establishment and now has in his employ fifteen or twenty persons. In addition to this he is the owner of a one-half interest in the works of the Standard Steel Stamping Company at Denver and is doing well.

On Thanksgiving Day in 1917, at Denver, William W. Bendell was united in marriage to Miss Aallie A. Massie of Kansas City, Missouri, and they have a pleasant home at Watsonville. For the past three or four years Mrs. Bendell has been engaged as a Christian Science practitioner and is widely known throughout this section of California in the circles thus represented. Mr. and Mrs. Bendell are republicans and have ever taken an interested part in the general civic and social affairs of the community. Mr. Bendell is an active member of the locally influential Exchange Club of Watsonville and is a Knight Templar Mason and a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

HARRY ASHLAND GREENE.

Any proper review of the interesting career of Harry Ashland Greene, retired stock broker of San Francisco, now living at Monterey, where he has made his home for many years, will be found delightfully interwoven with details of events of outstanding importance in the history of California. Mr. Greene, who is now tranquilly passing the "twilight time" of an honorable life, happy in retrospection of a period of progress in which he has been an active and influential factor, is a native son of California and his dearest interests center here. It was thirty-four years and more ago that Mr. Greene, with a comfortable competence, retired from the turmoil of the city and made his home at Monterey. He caused to be erected here a commodious and attractive dwelling house for his use and that of his family on Lighthouse avenue and has since resided there, very comfortably and very pleasantly situated. Since that time he has been a witness of the amazing development of the city of his choice and adoption from a quaint sleeping town by the sea—a hamlet of insignificant proportions and commercial unimportance—to its present dimensions, and it is not too much to say that in this development he has been one of the prime personal factors.

Perhaps no man in California is better qualified to say concerning this proud state that: "All this development mine eyes have witnessed; of this development I have been a part since its beginning." A fine personal distinction indeed. Mr. Greene is the second son of that distinguished family that gave to San Francisco the first white child born there. He came on the scene not long afterward and thus his eyes indeed have been witnesses to all that may be regarded as the real proper development of this great state so far as relates to its social, cultural, commercial and industrial growth. In retrospect seventy-three years does not seem a long period of time—merely the span of a man's life, according to tradition. But when it is considered what

has been done in California during seventy years the ordinary sense of time values becomes confused. Other peoples have spent centuries in accomplishing less. Mr. Greene was here when proper social conditions first came to be established. He has remained here, with the just pride of the true native son, and thus knows at first hand and by personal participation just how this wonderful feat of making a state was performed. To the student of biography there must ever be something particularly appealing in a review of his career, no matter how inadequate or howsoever illy drawn. No volume of history relating to this section of the state could be made complete without at least a brief review of his life and career. As was recently said, in this very connection: "The interest which attaches to life and the recital of passing events in the lives of the early settlers and of the native born of California, under changing conditions, heightens rather than diminshes with the rolling on of the years and will ever be of interest to those of later generations whose only knowledge of such history is derived second-hand, and the time is not distant when the last of the brave band of California pioneers will have crossed over the Great Divide." It is for the information and instruction of future generations therefore that this brief review of the life of Harry Ashland Greene is directed. It occupies an essential part of the definite history of the state and particularly of that section of the state of which he has for so long been a vital part.

Harry Ashland Greene was born at San Francisco, January 12, 1852. The house in which he was born (in Ashland place) was brought in sections overseas from China and was set up as a home for the family of his father, the Hon. William Greene, whose place in history as one of the upbuilders of New Orleans and of San Francisco is definitely fixed. In passing, it is interesting to note that the receipts for the transportation of this building material from far away China are now in the possession of Mr. Greene, who treasures them as priceless souvenirs of San Francisco's "day of small things." The Hon. William Greene, who was extensively engaged in the merchant marine trade, married Anne Elizabeth Fisk, daughter of Francis Melbourne Fisk, one of the leading citizens of New Orleans and with his bride came to San Francisco to establish his home at the port which then seemed to give so much true promise of becoming one of the great ports of the world. In addition to his maritime interests he also took an active hand in the general investment market in the then "booming" town and eventually became possessed of large holdings in San Francisco realty, investments which turned out quite profitably. When civil government was set up in the town he was elected a member of the first board of aldermen and by that body was elected president of the board, in which official capacity he exerted a potent influence in the establishment of orderly conditions of life and living in the new town. His name is perpetuated in the city by the name given to one of its chief thoroughfares, Greene street, but the practical development work he helped to set on foot will stand as an even more enduring monument to his memory, a memory that ever will be kept green, not only in San Francisco but throughout the state generally. Of the five children born to William and Anne Elizabeth (Fisk) Greene, the subject of this biographical review was the second in order of birth. The first born, Clay M. Greene, well known playwright and long a resident of New York city, was the first white boy born within the limits of the city of San Francisco.

Reared at San Francisco, Harry Ashland Greene was given by his thoughtful and cultured parents every advantage in the way of schooling that then could be secured there under private tutors, supplementing this by attendance at the then hopeful Santa Clara College and the San Francisco City College and then went East for a finishing course in the old Military Institute at Poughkeepsie, New York, following this by an European tour in 1870 and then, upon his return to San Francisco, took a concluding course in commercial forms in the old Pacific Business College. For awhile thereafter Mr. Greene was engaged in mining ventures in Placer county. Indeed, it was not until in 1880 that he entered upon what came to be a very successful business career in San Francisco, where he became connected with the operations of a grain and commission company, known as Greene & Company. Not long afterward, in association with his brother, Clay M. Greene, he formed the stock brokerage firm of Greene & Company and after his brother's retirement from that firm continued the business alone, quite successfully, until failing health in 1890 warned him to get out of the city and to seek relief from the strain of business exactions. During the

period of his business activities in the city Mr. Greene had been attracted to the charms of the Monterey and had spent much of his time on summer vacations in that beautiful section. Upon his retirement he moved to Monterey, as above set out, and has since been living there, an active factor in the promotion of all movements having to do with the advancement of the city's interests in all good ways.

In the early days of his residence at Monterey, back in the '90s, Mr. Greene promoted the old Monterey-Fresno railroad scheme and sank a fortune in that unhappy enterprise. When electric railway service became recognized as a factor in interurban transportation he promoted the construction of trolley lines and was the managing director of the original Monterey and Pacific Grove interurban electric line, out of which eventually developed the present system of electric lines hereabout. For many years Mr. Greene was the secretary of the old Capitol Club, of which he was one of the organizers. In connection with the great midwinter fair held at San Francisco during the early '90s he served as the president of the Monterey commission in that behalf and in that relation did a remarkable work in advancing the fame and reputation of the Monterey country by the arrangement of attractive exhibits. When the California Jubilee exposition project was brought to a successful conclusion at Monterey in 1896 he was made the director general of that enterprise and his fine judgment and executive skill worked wonders in bringing about the very gratifying conditions under which that enterprise was conducted. "Lest we forget," it may be timely to recall that this jubilee exposition was held in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the surrender of the Mexican claim to California in 1846.

When the oil development period came on at Monterey Mr. Greene was one of the real directors of the situation which then presented itself and it was largely through his energetic efforts that the "Associated" plant came to be established at Monterey. In 1911, by reason of his enthusiastic and unabating efforts in behalf of the creation of a proper harbor at Monterey, Mr. Greene earned for himself the happy sobriquet of "Breakwater Harry," his efforts in behalf of harbor improvement being so strenuously carried on both in the state legislature and in the lobby of Congress at Washington that his friends and associates hit upon an appellation for him as suggestive of the enthusiasm with which he continually was advocating a measure so dear to his heart. Mr. Greene was one of the organizers of the Monterey Chamber of Commerce and for several years rendered effective service as chairman of the executive committee. It is to his efforts that credit is freely given for the municipalization of the wharf in 1914. In other movements that have had as their object the improvement of local conditions he also has been a prime factor and it is thus that his name ever will be enrolled high on the roster of those who have helped to make Monterey.

Perhaps one of the most widely known movements with which Mr. Greene has been connected and of which, indeed, he was the original promoter, is the celebrated "Tin Can Club," an organization which has acquired a nation wide status as a promoter of reforestation. It was Mr. Greene's notion that children easily could be encouraged to take a part in the general reforestation movement by taking care of seedlings in tin cans until they should have a sufficient growth for proper transplantation. Out of this idea grew the organization of the Monterey Tree Growing Club, of which Mr. Greene was elected president, and out of which proceeded extensions until tree planting clubs came to be organized in all parts of the country, a movement that has had a marked influence upon the general encouragement of reforestation throughout the United States. Mr. Greene's natural interest in matters of local historical interest prompted him as the moving spirit in the creation of a local museum at Monterey, accretions to which as the years have passed have secured for Monterey an exhibit of relics of pioneer times and of articles of interest to students of natural history that has proved a strong attraction not only to residents, but to the thousands of tourists that annually visit the Peninsula, also Pacific Grove Museum. A true lover of outdoor sports, Mr. Greene was one of the organizers in 1885-6 of the California State Roller Skating Polo League, was elected first president of that body and drew up the by-laws and rules by which the league was governed. For thirty years he has been an active member of the Olympic Club. If the claim ever is definitely established that in San Francisco was organized the first bicycle club in America, then Mr. Greene may definitely claim to be the senior bicycle-club captain in the country, for he

was the captain of that historic club of bicycle enthusiasts that was organized at San Francisco in the middle '80s. He also was one of the original promoters of rink polo and as a fancy or "trick" roller skater won numerous championship prizes in the palmy days of that exhilarating sport. As a base ball player in his younger days he also found much sport and was a member of that famous old California team that made a tour of the Eastern states back in the '70s. For some years he was the manager of the old Mission League of baseball clubs and also for years was the vice president of the California State Fish, Game and Forest Protective League.

Mr. Greene has been twice married. In 1873 he was united in marriage to Miss Belle Little. To this union were born two children, William and Ursula. By a later marriage Mr. Greene was the father of two sons, one of whom died in childhood. The other son, Harry A. Greene, Jr., an alumnus of Stanford University, continues to make his home at Monterey. He was the original organizer of the Bank of Monterey. He also erected the Monterey Hotel which he still owns, was also promoter of the Monterey Electric Light Company, one of the first electric light plants in California.

JOSEPH FRANK RODRIGUEZ.

A progressively enterprising merchant who has done much to make Felton, Santa Cruz county, a very desirable place for a home, is Joseph Frank Rodriguez, popular alike with child and adult. He was born in the historic old town of Monterey, June 22, 1848, the son of Antone and Dolores (Gulinda) Rodriguez. The father was a native Californian, who was born at San Antonio Mission. Our subject's paternal ancestors lived under three flags. His mother's parents, also, came from Spain to San Francisco, when it was a mere village, and they were married in the Bay City. An aunt of our subject died in Napa county at the age of one hundred and fifteen. Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez were the owners of the Rancho San Vicente, but they were afterwards cheated out of the ranch to the lasting dishonor of the arch swindlers.

Joseph Frank Rodriguez attended the public schools of Monterey and Santa Cruz and also the Castroville school and then he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for five years. He next learned the barber's trade at Castroville, and on becoming a journeyman barber, he removed, on April 26, 1866, to Felton, since which time, or for fifty-nine years, he has been shaving good folks, so that he is now probably the oldest barber in the state. He conducts an ice-cream parlor next to his barber shop, and in over fifty years has never had a day of vacation. He is fond of prospecting and has implicit faith in Santa Cruz county. In politics he is a republican.

Antone Rodriguez was the last man to leave the Presidio when it was captured by the American troops; and he once owned the present site of the Santa Cruz Portland Cement works here but when he went to the government land office to prove his patent before the American officers, he signed a deed when he thought that he was signing an ordinary statement. Sad to relate, this was not the first nor probably the last instance in which some took an unfair advantage of those who had first spied out the land; and the only satisfaction is that with such a downfall the family honor at least was not lost.

E. V. WOODHOUSE.

Among the most popular hotels in Santa Cruz county may be rated the well appointed Hotel Capitola, at Capitola-by-the-Sea, under the able management of its owner, E. V. Woodhouse, a native of Queensland, Australia. He was born July 8, 1879, and as a veritable soldier of fortune, made three trips around the world. He has been an actor, a miner, a sheep-shearer, a newspaper man, and a gold-miner, and he has prospected for the shining yellow metal in various sections of Australia. All in all, he has acquired a wonderful experience that has proved a kind of capital.

In 1905 Mr. Woodhouse arrived at San Francisco and since that time he has been identified with the management of hotels in California. He was first associated

with the old Russ House at San Francisco, before the fire; and then he has had a part in the conduct of the Paso de Robles Hot Springs Hotel, the Arrowhead Hot Springs Hotel, near San Bernardino, and the Byron Hot Springs Hotel, at Byron, California. He was proprietor of the Hotel Bardin in Salinas, and the Minster Hotel in San Francisco.

For the past eleven years, Mr. Woodhouse has leased and operated the Hotel Capitola, at Capitola-by-the-Sea, and in the Spring of 1924 he purchased the property. He is the only man who has made this hotel a paying proposition. He has spent fifty thousand dollars in improvement of the popular resort and hotel, installing a new elevator at a cost alone of seven thousand dollars, and instead of the four bathrooms previously there, he has had thirty-five put in. He has also installed hot salt baths, and has added ten rooms. By temperament most genial and experienced as a judge of human nature, Mr. Woodhouse is an ideal host, and easily makes his guests feel at home. Golf, swimming, horseback riding, dancing, fishing, hiking and other out-of-door sports are added attractions, and no one appreciates the advantages of the Hotel Capitola more than those who have sojourned here, and then tried some other resort.

Mr. Woodhouse was married to Miss S. Egeberg, a daughter of Dr. Sigmund Egeberg, of Norway. She shares her husband's social popularity, and they have many friends in this county as well as among those who have been their patrons. Mr. Woodhouse has passed through many and varied experiences and is numbered among those who regard life as well worth living for he early learned to place a true valuation upon opportunities and obligations and to discard the trivial and non-essential things, while choosing those that are worth while.

JACKSON C. PHILLIPS.

Jackson C. Phillips, one of the well known and substantial orchardists in Santa Cruz county and proprietor of a well kept and highly improved place in the beautiful valley of Green Valley creek north of Watsonville, is a native son of California and has lived in this state all his life. A resident of Santa Cruz county since he was six years of age, he thus has been a witness to and a participant in the amazing development that has taken place here during the past half century and more. Mr. Phillips was born on a farm in what now has become a part of the city of Alameda, in the county of that name, in the year 1862 and is a son of Bonaparte and Margaret Phillips, the latter of whom was a native of Ireland.

The late Bonaparte Phillips, one of the pioneers of Santa Cruz county, was a native of the state of Tennessee. As a young man he came to California, one of the '49ers, and engaged driving a wagon train from San Francisco to the mining districts. After his marriage he bought a tract of land, the site now occupied by Mills College at Alameda, and there made his home until in 1868, when he disposed of that place and with his family and his household goods in a wagon drove through to Santa Cruz county and to Watsonville by way of the Mount Madonna trail and into the valley where he bought a tract of land and established his home on what is now known as the Amesti road between Freedom and Corralitos. He was a good farmer and a good manager and to his original holding there he gradually added until he became the owner of a fine place of eight hundred acres and was long regarded as one of the substantial men of the county. Bonaparte Phillips died in 1895, and his wife passed away in 1903. They were the parents of six children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the third in order of birth, the others being Edward, George (deceased), Charles, Minnie and Frank.

Jackson C. Phillips was but six years of age when his parents and the family drove into the Green Valley country. He has distinct recollections of that long trip, during which as a small boy he trudged along the trail beside the wagon carrying the household stuff and of the establishment of the pioneer home in the then wilderness. He grew up on that farm, from the days of his boyhood an able aid to his father in the latter's development work, and after his marriage established his home there and has since resided on the place, where he and his family are very comfortably and very pleasantly situated. Mr. Phillips' ranch is part of the acre-

JACKSON C. PHILLIPS

age formerly held by his father, he having a fine place of one hundred and two acres, all in full bearing orchards. These orchards have been developed in accordance with the best standards of horticulture and their products are in wide demand, the excellence of the Phillips fruit long having been acknowledged in the fruit market. The place is improved in admirable shape, the dwelling house and other buildings comprising this modern farm being right up to standard.

It was in 1898 that Jackson C. Phillips was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Barry, a member of one of the old families in this section of California, and he and his wife have four children, Loretta, Walter, Stanley and Aloysa. The Phillips family are members of the Roman Catholic church, and Mr. Phillips is affiliated with the local council of the Knights of Columbus.

E. S. JOHNSTON.

Prominent among the most influential financiers of Monterey county who has always stood for every movement favorable to its improvement and advancement, is E. S. Johnston, the efficient president of the Bank of Pacific Grove, and the equally able city clerk. He was born in Poland, Ohio, December 17, 1869, the son of Simon E. and Eliza (Buck) Johnston. His mother and brother came to California in 1889, and his father and sister followed in 1890. They located at San Felipe, but both parents have since passed away.

E. S. Johnston was educated in the district schools of his home section, and then attended the Poland Union high school and the Poland Union Seminary. When his father came to California, he took charge of the home farm, but in 1892 he, too, came to this state and soon afterward entered the San Jose Business College. Then he read law and took the bar examination, being admitted to the California bar, January 3, 1898. For three years he then practiced law in San Jose, but his brother in the meantime had located at Pacific Grove, where our subject joined him in business in 1901.

In 1908 E. S. Johnston was elected city clerk and also assessor, and has retained office ever since. He became a director in the Bank of Pacific Grove in 1909, and in August, 1914, was elected its president, which office he still holds, to the satisfaction of all who have dealings with that solid institution. In addition, he is president of the El Carmelo Cemetery Association and finds stimulating exercise in taking care of the graves of those who have no one to look after them.

Mr. Johnston is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and he is a Shriner and he is a past grand of the Odd Fellows Lodge and also a past district deputy. In addition, he is a past patron of the Eastern Star, and a member of the Rebekahs.

EDWARD B. LETTUNICH.

With the passing of the late Edward B. Lettunich at Watsonville in the last month of the year 1919 many thereabout felt regretfully that all untimely had come the close of a most promising business career. In the very height of his vigorous and energetic manhood Mr. Lettunich was stricken down with the then all too commonly prevailing influenza that took such dreadful toll in this country and there thus came an interruption to the culmination of the extensive plans for business expansion he had set on foot. As a promoter of the material interests of the Watsonville trade and shipping area few had rendered more active service than had Mr. Lettunich and he had done much toward the development of the material interests of the community, with particular reference to realty development and the expansion of the fruit shipping industry. Active in business, faithful in his various relations with his fellowmen, a fine companion socially and an indefatigable worker, Mr. Lettunich not only had acquired a wide acquaintance but had endeared himself to all. At his passing therefore he left a good memory and it is but fitting that in this definite history of the region he had so faithfully and so usefully served there should be carried some brief review of his life and career.

Edward B. Lettunich was of European birth but had been a resident of this country and of California since the days of his young manhood and was thoroughly Americanized, a true "one hundred per cent American" in all his feelings and aspirations. Mr. Lettunich was born in Mehanice in that section of the then Austrian empire now included within the republic of Jugoslavia and was a son of Nicholas and Luce (Kukuljica) Lettunich, both also natives of that region. He was reared in his native place, where he received excellent schooling and then as a young man came to America and on out into California to rejoin his elder brother, M. N. Lettunich, now the president of the Fruit Growers National Bank of Watsonville, who had become established at Watsonville in 1881 and was recognized as one of the leading growers and shippers. Upon his arrival E. B. Lettunich became employed in his brother's plant, packing and shipping apples, and thus learned the fruit shipping business "from the ground up." A few years later he engaged in business on his own account as a packer and shipper and in this connection gradually developed a business in orchard lands brokerage that was destined to become one of the most important commercial developments of that sort in this section of the state. In time Mr. Lettunich brought this business, the buying and selling of orchard lands, up to a high standard and at the time of his death was widely recognized as one of the leading realtors in Watsonville, some of the deals he successfully carried through having been of large magnitude. In this connection he did much to standardize not only orchard land values but gave a degree of stability to the realty market that it theretofore had not had and in this sense he rendered a very real and permanent service to the community. During the time of this country's participation in the World war Mr. Lettunich revealed his "hundred per cent Americanism" in no unmistakable manner and as a Californian of central European birth left no doubt as to where his sympathies in that world struggle were centered, his activities in connection with the promotion of the sale of Liberty bonds and in other local war service movements being actuated by real patriotic fervor. In his land deals Mr. Lettunich was quite successful and at his passing on December 16, 1919, he then being thirty-nine years of age, left a considerable estate, which is being administered by his widow.

It was in the year 1909, at Oakland, this state, that E. B. Lettunich was united in marriage to Miss Stella Elizabeth Milcovich, who was born in that city, and to this union three children were born, two sons, Edward B. and George A. Lettunich, and a daughter, Anna Stella. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Lettunich has continued to make her home at Watsonville. She is a member of the Roman Catholic church, as was her husband, and is affiliated with the local society of the Daughters of Isabella. In the general social affairs of the city of which she has been a resident for more than fifteen years Mrs. Lettunich has ever taken an earnest interest and she is a member of the locally influential Woman's Club of Watsonville.

ORLEY M. HISERMAN.

Salinas has long been known for its law and orderliness, and much of this enviable reputation is undoubtedly due to Orley M. Hiserman, the decidedly efficient and popular chief of police of the city. Born near Salinas, on August 25, 1873, he is a son of John L. and Frances Marion (Childers) Hiserman, the former a native of Virginia, the latter of Iowa. Both are now deceased but in their passing they left an enviable record for right living and worth-while accomplishment. When only nineteen years of age, Mr. Hiserman came around the Horn, and for many years was successfully identified with stock-raising and farming in Monterey county, being with C. S. Abbott, on the Abbott rancho. Seven children were born to John L. and Frances M. Hiserman: Orley M., Alvah W., Elbert L., John F., Mrs. Josephine Stoltz, Mrs. Winifred Ollason and William H., the last named now deceased.

Orley Hiserman attended the local public schools and later was associated with his father in managing the home ranch. In 1908 he was elected constable of Alisal township; and two years later, owing to the excellent record he had already made, he was elected chief of police of Salinas. His administration of this important office

has been characterized by fearlessness and common sense—two factors essential to everyone who would essay success in police work.

When Mr. Hiserman married he chose for his bride Miss Susan Brune, a native of Monterey county and a daughter of one of the best-known Spanish families in Monterey. Four sons have been born of this marriage: Orley A., Alvah Richard, Lawrence Merrill and John Leslie. A son of Mr. Hiserman's first marriage is Daniel Edward Hiserman. Mr. Hiserman belongs to Salinas Lodge, No. 183, of the Knights of Pythias. His entire life has been passed in this locality where he bears an enviable reputation as a substantial citizen and trustworthy official.

HENRY LORD WASHBURN.

A county official who may well boast of having served his fellowmen is Henry Lord Washburn, county farm advisor, with offices in the county building at Santa Cruz. He was born at San Jose, December 19, 1889, the son of Arthur H. and Jessica T. (Thompson) Washburn. The father was a sturdy pioneer who first came from New York to California around the Horn, but returned to the east after a few years. In 1860, however, he came back to the Pacific coast, and for some time he was the owner and the principal of Washburn school, San Jose, famous in its day as a private preparatory school. As a pioneer educator, he left his impress upon his day and generation, reflecting creditably upon his Alma Mater, Stanford University, and it is a pity to have to record that he has closed the book of his useful life forever. Mrs. Washburn was the first woman graduate of Stanford.

Educated first in the Washburn School, Henry L. Washburn spent two years at Stanford and then went for two years to the University of California, eventually graduating from the College of Agriculture, and he received the coveted degree of Bachelor of Science. Then, for eight months, Mr. Washburn was superintendent of George Hewlett's dairy and stock ranch at Hollister, and after that he was foreman in charge of the one thousand eight hundred acres being planted at Atascadero, in San Luis Obispo county, serving the new colony for a year. His next engagement was his present position as county farm advisor, in which responsible office he has been more than successful. His particular hobbies are bee and poultry raising, and in these fields he has been able to point the way to others. In national politics he is a republican, but he never allows partisanship to obscure the issues when local reforms or improvements are at stake.

On January 20, 1917, Mr. Washburn married Miss Almada Card, a native of San Francisco, and their wedding was celebrated in San Francisco. A daughter, Emlen Dorothy, has blessed the union. Mr. Washburn is a home man, and this preference may add to his enthusiasm to assist others in providing homes for themselves.

CHARLES UNDERWOOD.

Among the pioneers who helped settle and develop Monterey county few are better remembered than the late Charles Underwood, rancher, cattle breeder, hotel owner and general man of affairs in and about Monterey for many years and a resident of California from the days of the golden '50s. Mr. Underwood was a native of the Empire state, born in the old town of Schoharie, in the county of that name, May 10, 1828, and was a member of one of the Colonial families of that state. He grew up at Schoharie and being a lad of adventurous bent early became attracted to the sea; as a young man he took service on a merchant vessel and for years thereafter sailed "before the mast," three years of this period being spent on a war frigate.

Upon giving up his seafaring ventures Mr. Underwood became attracted to the golden possibilities then opening up in California and came to this state, presently settling at Redwood City, where for nine years he was engaged in the milling business and where he laid the foundation for the considerable fortune which he eventually built up. While milling at Redwood he became interested in the development of

sheep lands and bought a third interest in the great Los Tularcitos ranch of twenty-eight hundred acres, whereon he was for several years actively engaged in the sheep raising business. Meanwhile he acquired other land interests and in 1868 was compelled to contest a claim for the Spanish grant commonly known as Corral de Tierra, a claim which dragged through the courts for eleven years, the litigation finally terminating in a judgment in Mr. Underwood's favor. In 1876 Mr. Underwood retired from his ranch and moved to San Francisco, where he became engaged in the piano business but it was not long until he grew weary of the city, deciding that there was more of freedom and pleasure in the more open spaces. It was then that he located at Monterey, later assuming charge of his large farming and ranch interests. He also overhauled and rebuilt the Central Hotel at Monterey, that popular hostelry which has for years been operated under the management of his son, Alexander R. Underwood. In addition to the interests he developed at Monterey, Mr. Underwood became engaged extensively in the breeding of Hereford cattle on his great ranch and made a distinctive success of that venture, a line in which he maintained his interest until the time of his death.

In 1856, at San Francisco, Charles Underwood was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Armstrong, who had come to this country from Ireland and who died in June 25, 1911. To that union were born five children: Margaret, wife of A. W. Brown of San Francisco; Alexander R. Underwood, of Monterey, concerning whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work; Mary, Edward and Lily, all deceased. Mr. Underwood passed away at his home in Monterey, December 5, 1904. In politics he was a stanch republican, having become devoted to the policies of that party upon its organization in the late '50s, and in many ways was an active and helpful participant in the civic affairs of the community in which he so long resided and to the advancement of the interests of which he gave the best that was in him. He left an honored memory and his family received not only the material results of his active life but also the priceless heritage of an untarnished name.

HON. WARREN R. PORTER.

The Hon. Warren R. Porter, former lieutenant governor of the state of California, chairman of the board of directors of the Pajaro Valley National Bank of Watsonville and of the Pajaro Valley Savings Bank of that city, president of the Sisquoc Investment Company, a member of the directorate of the Anglo-California Trust Company of San Francisco and in other ways actively and prominently identified with the financial interests of this section of the state, formerly and for years president of the two Watsonville banks above mentioned and for years one of the most influential promoters of the interests of that city, is a native son of California and has been a resident of this state all his life. Mr. Porter was born in the city of Santa Cruz on March 30, 1861, and is a son of John T. and Fannie (Cummings) Porter, concerning whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work. The late John T. Porter, organizer of the Bank of Watsonville and for years one of the leading citizens of that place, active in all promotion work there, was in his generation one of the most influential figures in the general financial and commercial life of this section of the state to the time of his passing a quarter of a century ago.

Reared at Santa Cruz and Watsonville, Warren R. Porter received his early education in the public schools of those cities, supplementing this by attendance at private schools, and then entering St. Augustine Military College, from which he was graduated in 1880, when nineteen years of age. Upon leaving college Mr. Porter became employed as a bookkeeper and teller in the Bank of Watsonville, of which his father was one of the organizers in 1874. During the course of his studies it had been his ambition to prepare for the practice of the medical profession, this inclination having been stimulated not only by his father's earnest approval of such a course but by the fact that there had been eminent physicians in former generations of his family, but after thoughtful deliberation and an analysis of all the circumstances then pointing his way he decided upon a commercial course and thus started as bookkeeper with a view to learning the details of the banking business. In 1884 Mr.

Porter left the bank to enter the office of the Loma Prieta Lumber Company, the headquarters of which concern was then at Watsonville, and after serving for two years as a bookkeeper was, in 1886, made secretary of the company. When the main offices of the company was moved to Loma Prieta he went there and it was not long until he was promoted to assistant manager and secretary of the company, thus continuing until 1901. In the meantime, in 1888, Mr. Porter had become one of the incorporators and a member of the board of directors of the Pajaro Valley National Bank at Watsonville and following the death of his father in 1900 was elected president of that institution as well as president of the Pajaro Valley Savings Bank, which administrative positions he continued to occupy until his retirement in 1922 when he was made chairman of the board of these two sound financial institutions. Following his father's death Mr. Porter also was called on to assume other heavy responsibilities in connection with the estate, these including not only banking and other financial concerns, but farming, stock-raising and other activities in which the elder Porter had for so long been interested, and in these capacities he soon became recognized as one of the leading figures in the financial life and business growth of this section.

In the meantime, while developing his various financial interests, Mr. Porter also became known as one of the leading factors in the civic life of the state and a figure to be reckoned with in the ranks of the republican party of California. From the days of his boyhood he had been interested in political affairs and gradually reached a position of local leadership in his party, while later he became the acknowledged republican leader of the sixth congressional district, then comprised of the counties of Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura and Los Angeles. As a matter of general historical information, he maintained this leadership until his retirement from active politics following the expiration of his term of service as lieutenant governor of the state in 1911. In 1899 Mr. Porter was appointed by Governor Gage to a place on the state prison board and in 1907 was again appointed to that position, altogether serving in that capacity for nine years or until his resignation, during the incumbency of Governor Johnson's first term, he at that time being out of political agreement with the governor. In 1900 Mr. Porter was one of the republican presidential electors from the state of California and an alternate delegate to the national convention of his party, held that year in Philadelphia, which nominated William McKinley for the presidency. In 1906 he was elected lieutenant governor of the state and in that important official capacity served the full four-year term from 1907 to 1911, during the administration of Governor James Norris Gillett. It will be recalled that during that incumbency Governor Gillett was absent from the state for a period of about one year and during that time Mr. Porter thus served as acting governor. Upon the completion of his term of office Mr. Porter retired from "active" politics and has since taken little practical part in party activities, though his counsel is still regarded as of value in republican circles. It has been said of his participation in the civic affairs of California that when he finally did retire from politics he took with him "the love and confidence of his friends and associates and the wholesome respect of his enemies."

Upon his retirement from the office of lieutenant governor Mr. Porter established his home at Berkeley and there continued to reside until his return to Watsonville in 1922, meantime maintaining an office at San Francisco where he gave direction to his varied financial and other interests, these including not only his executive control of the two banks at Watsonville but banking and other interests in different parts of the state. As noted above, Mr. Porter is now chairman of the boards of directors of the two financial institutions at Watsonville with which he has for so many years been connected. He also is the president of the Sisquoc Investment Company and is a member of the directorate of the Anglo-California Trust Company of San Francisco. Mr. Porter is one of the charter members of the local parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West at Watsonville and is a past president of that influential organization. He is a Knight Templar Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also affiliated with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and holds membership in the Pacific, Union Club and the Press Club at San Francisco and the Sutter Club at Sacramento.

On August 23, 1893, at Berkeley, California, Warren R. Porter was united in mar-

riage to Miss Mary Eaton, daughter of the Rev. G. A. Eaton, who then was the rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church at Berkeley, and to this union were born four children, namely: John E. Porter, concerning whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work; Warren R. Porter, who died at the age of fourteen months; Mary F., wife of Edward F. Steen of Watsonville, and Thomas B. Porter, also of Watsonville.

EDWIN ROSS STALTER.

Edwin Ross Stalter, of 466 Gibson street, Pacific Grove, a general contractor of wide and varied experience was born on a farm in Kansas, December 3, 1874, the son of John and Jane (Bryan) Stalter, a couple highly esteemed for their honest worth, and their usefulness in their day and generation. The father was a successful rancher in Kansas, and after coming to California, in 1907, he cultivated land at Modesto.

Edwin Ross Stalter attended the public schools of Kansas and then helped his father to manage the home farm. In young manhood he engaged in various occupations, and among his experiences was that of clerking in a furniture store. In 1903 he came out to Pacific Grove, California, and for three years followed carpenter work, after which he engaged in building for himself. He had always displayed ability at designing and draughting and from the beginning was successful. Satisfied patrons were his best advertisement and his business steadily grew. He erected the residence of Mrs. H. B. Chase on Ocean View boulevard; also the Dan Murphy home at Pebble Beach; and for Mrs. M. E. Tucker he built three houses at Pacific Grove. He confines his efforts to the construction of fine private residences, and his liberal patronage is well merited.

Mr. Stalter was united in marriage to Miss Nora Moore, an old schoolmate, and two children have been born to them: Vern and Harold, now associated with their father in contracting. Vern was in the United States army during the World war. In politics Mr. Stalter is a republican where national issues are involved but in local elections votes independently.

ENOCH CREWS.

"Anybody can keep chickens," says Enoch Crews, the enterprising proprietor of the Seabright Pioneer Hatchery, at Seabright, in Santa Cruz county, "but if you buy Santa Cruz chickens, they will keep you," and this is the keynote of the slogan our friend sounded, long ago, in the great campaign he has been waging, to point the way to thousands for assuring to themselves a more independent and a more certain source of support.

Mr. Crews is a native of Missouri, born in Howard county, April 24, 1864, but he was reared in Johnson county, by his parents, Cabel and Narcissa (Parker) Crews. The father set out across the great, unmapped plains in the days when so many were leaving Missouri for California, and such were the hard conditions then, that it took a year to make the trip. The party suffered greatly. Later Mr. Crews returned to the east. Both parents are now dead, having rounded out their relatively short careers with a record of more hard work than leisure, more privation than comfort, but more accomplished, for the benefit of humanity than failed in. One of the priceless inheritances, therefore, of our subject is this memory of his parents, of whom he may well be proud.

Enoch Crews received his early school training in Missouri, when also pioneer conditions there were very primitive indeed. It was in 1890 that he came to the western coast and on Washington's birthday came to Gilroy, California. He probably will long remember the "snow, beautiful snow," for he had the rather dubious experience of being stalled on the way in a dense snow storm. For ten years he traveled through California as a commercial salesman, taking orders for the enlarging of portraits, and in 1902 engaged in newspaper work in Santa Cruz, when he became circulation manager for the Surf. He afterward spent three years with the Santa Cruz News.

Whether because the newspaper business permitted of so much leisure or required so much additional income, while thus engaged he started in a modest way to see what he could do with the hatching incubator. He found an old dwelling house and installed an incubating outfit, but soon the business increased too fast for him, and after many efforts to care for would-be patrons, he decided to build a complete hatchery. He chose Seabright as the best possible location, and in 1921 he put up one of the finest establishments of the kind to be seen in the Golden state. Some idea of just what he has attempted to do and how far Mr. Crews has succeeded, may be gathered from the fact that his hatchery, during the busy season, turns out about thirteen thousand chicks a week. He has now one hundred machines and turns out over one-fourth of a million chicks a year. Running at full capacity for about ten months in the year, he is able to send his chicks everywhere throughout the western states.

Mr. Crews was married to Mrs. Mabel Stewart, who has proven of great help to him in the conduct of this enterprise, and no little credit for the success attained by the Seabright Pioneer Hatchery should be given to her.

A curious thing happened in Santa Cruz that attested significantly to Mr. Crews' importance in the community. He again realized the necessity of enlarging his plant, but as soon as he sought to do so, the city council of Santa Cruz threatened him with arrest, a dark dungeon, bread and water and religious tracts at lunch, three times a day. It was declared that an old ordinance existed setting a limit to the number of chicks one might sport in or out of an incubator, but no sooner was the issue raised than many citizens and the press came to Mr. Crews' support and pointed out the absurdity of such a law, and the great service he had rendered, through his enterprise and his advertisements, both town and county in assisting to place and to keep them on the map.

An impressive amount of literature has grown up about Enoch Crews and his incubators, and the supply on hand up to date would set a clipping bureau up in business. Among the mass, none is more interesting than an article from the Santa Cruz News, of October 26, 1921: "Mr. Crews kept track of the little chicks that he raised and sent through the mails, and he found that they became great layers of eggs. Only the other day a boy at Spreckels won a scholarship at the university farm at Davis through the high quality of his chickens, which he received as mere babies through the mails from the Crews incubators. From a half dozen states, editors of papers sent requests to Mr. Crews for a story about his novel business. Mr. Crews responded with articles in which he always said a good word for Santa Cruz, and sent with the articles his picture, ready to print.

"Everywhere Mr. Crews carries the message of Santa Cruz, the beautiful residence town, the chicken center. Visitors to his plant come from all over the west, he has a register equalling in size, almost, the register of the Chamber of Commerce. And he is prosperous, and has big plans for the future. The fact is, that you cannot tell Enoch Crews that there are not business opportunities in Santa Cruz."

J. B. SCOTT.

An early settler highly esteemed in his day, and whose memory is still cherished by those who knew him was the late J. B. Scott, the pioneer druggist of Salinas. A native of the Empire state, he was born at Bovina, Delaware county, April 23, 1843, and attended first the public schools of his native town, and then the Andes Collegiate Institute, from the Normal department of which he was graduated with enviable honors.

When the country was involved in civil war Mr. Scott, who was always imbued with patriotic sentiments, volunteered for service in support of the Union and became a member of Company E. One Hundred and Forty-fourth Regiment, New York Sons of Veterans, enlisting in August, 1864, and serving until July of the following year, when he was honorably discharged. Then he took a commercial course at Eastman's Business College, at Poughkeepsie, New York, at that time one of the most famous institutions of its kind in the United States, after which he returned to his native town where he taught school until March, 1868. On April 15, of that year, he sailed from

New York for San Francisco by way of Panama, and on May 8 he came within the Golden Gate.

Making his way inland to the Salinas valley, he arrived here on May 11, 1868, and for two years followed farming. He then accepted a position with J. H. McDougall, of Salinas, who owned a store and was the postmaster. Mr. Scott began work on March 1, 1870, and was for four years deputy postmaster. On May 14, 1873, he married Miss Emma M. Craft, of Newark, New Jersey. At the state election in the same year he was chosen county auditor of Monterey county, and in March, 1884, he took office, serving for the next four years. In May, 1878, Mr. Scott opened a grocery store and for three years he was active in that business. Selling out, however, he established a drug store on May 10, 1881, and in the summer of 1888 erected a two-story brick building which housed the Scott Drug Store.

During the Civil war, while he was in the United State army, in November, 1864, Mr. Scott cast his first vote, supporting Abraham Lincoln, and from that time until his death voted for every president save Grover Cleveland. He was treasurer of the United Presbyterian church, of Salinas, and was also the financial agent of the San Francisco Presbytery. For over thirty years he was a member of Salinas Lodge, No. 204, F. & A. M. He possessed the traits peculiar to the Scottish race, and spoke the lowland Scottish dialect fluently. He was also the author of a poem which was greatly prized by his friends and customers. His manly qualities made him esteemed and beloved by his generation, and his record is one of usefulness to the world.

LOUIS H. LOPES.

For more than twenty years Louis H. Lopes, cashier of the Pajaro Valley National Bank of Watsonville, has been connected with that sound financial institution and during that time has seen its resources grow until now it is regarded as one of the strongest banks in this section of California. Starting in as a bookkeeper in the bank when seventeen years of age, Mr. Lopes has been gradually advanced in the service of that institution through the posts of teller and assistant cashier to his present highly responsible position as cashier, and thus is familiar with all details of the bank's business, literally having "grown up" with its affairs, so that he long has been recognized as one of the most efficient bankers hereabout.. He is a native son of Watsonville and has been a resident of that city all his life, during this time having been a witness to and an active participant in the amazing development that has taken place in the material substance of the city during the past three or four decades. He was born on June 23, 1885, and is a son of M. S. and Elizabeth (Rogge) Lopes, the latter of whom—a native of the state of Illinois—died in 1920. M. S. Lopes, who is now living retired in Pacific Grove, Monterey county, is an Azorean by birth but has been a resident of this country since the days of his young manhood. Upon coming to America from his native Azores, Mr. Lopes was for some time occupied in the east and then came to California and entered business in Watsonville as a merchant and retail liquor dealer. He also for several years carried on a mercantile establishment in Santa Cruz, continuing active in business until his retirement some years ago. He has three sons, Louis H. Lopes, having two brothers: J. W. Lopes, assistant cashier of the Monterey County Bank in Salinas, and M. S. Lopes, Jr., who is connected with the operations of the George X. Wendling Lumber Company in Los Angeles.

Reared in Watsonville, Louis H. Lopes completed the course in the public schools there and then became employed as a bookkeeper in the office of the Loma Prieta Lumber Company, where he remained four months, at the end of which time he transferred his services to the Pajaro Valley National Bank of Watsonville, entering there as a bookkeeper. It was in 1902 that Mr. Lopes became connected with the affairs of this bank and he has ever since been connected with that institution, a period of more than twenty-two years, during which time he has become one of the bank's important stockholders and has advanced in service to his present position as cashier. The Pajaro Valley National Bank has a paid-up capital of one hundred thousand dollars, has developed resources of right around three million dollars, and has deposits in excess of two million, five hundred thousand dollars.

In 1908, in Watsonville, Mr. Lopes was united in marriage to Miss Edna Nistetter, who also was born in Watsonville and who is a daughter of J. W. Nistetter, one of the pioneer blacksmiths of this valley. Mr. and Mrs. Lopes have two children: A son, Allen M. Lopes; and a daughter, Eleanor Liberty. The family is very pleasantly situated in a modern dwelling at No. 415 Blackburn street, one of the first fine homes erected on that now fashionable thoroughfare, Mr. Lopes having been among the first to discern the potentialities of Blackburn street as an exclusive and high class residential street. Mr. Lopes is an active member of the local parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West and is a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

JOHN L. STEWARD.

Among the most efficient federal officials in northern California is John L. Steward, postmaster at Monterey, who exerts an enviable influence in the old historic town and also throughout Monterey county. A native of the state of Kansas, he was born at Havensville, October 3, 1883, the son of Lewis Cass and Sarah (Burns) Steward, the former a sturdy citizen who came to California and to Sacramento when John L. was five years of age. The father was for a while a cabinetmaker but later he took up farming. Passing away in February, 1922, he left an enviable record for worthwhile service to his day and generation—a successful life more noticeable, perhaps, because, when still in Kansas, he had had the great misfortune to lose his faithful wife.

Coming so early to California, therefore, that he was almost a native son, John Steward attended the lower grades of the public school of Sacramento, and then progressed through the courses of the high school in the capital city. Leaving school, he entered the postal service there, and after nine years of varied and excellent work in connection therewith he joined the staff of the engineer's department of the state and for a year followed reclamation work. Joining his brother, Lloyd P., as a partner, he next operated the gasoline boats on the Sacramento river and when he disposed of his interests there came to Monterey. Here he was with the Monterey Canning Company until, as the result of a stiff civil service contest, he was commissioned postmaster of Monterey, December 1, 1918, and was reappointed in February, 1923. Although a republican, he was first appointed by President Wilson, a democrat, and this simple fact speaks for itself. He has always taken a live interest in the important work of the Monterey Chamber of Commerce, and has never been wanting at a "get-together" and "forward march" showdown. He is also a captain in the Reserve, of the A .G. O. R. C., and is with the post office section.

Mr. Stewart was married in 1913 to Miss Hazel Best, a native daughter of Sacramento, and they now have two children—John L., Jr., and Norman Sheldon. Mr. Steward is an Elk, esteemed by his brethren of the order. He is also president of the Peninsula Rifle Club, is an expert shot, and is also fond of fishing.

FREDERICK DAVIS.

A farseeing, progressive executive, to whom must be ascribed credit for much of the success of the important interests committed to his charge, is Frederick Davis, the popular superintendent of the Santa Cruz Portland Cement Works at Davenport, Santa Cruz county. He was born in the good old Empire state, at Watkins Glen, near Seneca Lake, and is a son of Josiah and Sarah (Hewitt) Davis, the former an enterprising merchant who breathed his last when our subject was about one year old. Mr. and Mrs. Davis were a worthy couple, and those who have know them attest to their character as friends, neighbors or citizens.

Frederick Davis attended both the grammar and high schools of his home district, and in time studied engineering at Lehigh University, in Pennsylvania. Having completed the required engineering courses, he joined the engineering department of the New York Central Railroad, and after that he spent nine years in Central America, following engineering and engaging in railroad construction. He was next in the em-

ploy of the United States government for four years on the Nicaraguan Canal, and when he returned to the United States, he spent six years in tunnel work on the Pennsylvania Railroad. Then, for a year and a half, he was a valued member of the staff of the Portland Cement Works in Washington. In the fall of 1908, Mr. Davis had the good fortune to be transferred to the plant at Santa Cruz, and since then the capacity of the works has been increased several fold, and the establishment has become one of the really appreciated industrial factors of the district in which it operates.

Mr. Davis belongs to the American Society of Civil Engineers and in national political affairs is a republican. He is keenly interested in the future of Santa Cruz county, and for this reason both looks back to the historic past and lends a helping hand in shaping the fast-moulding present, and it will not be his fault if Santa Cruz county does not reach the front rank of California shires.

CHARLES A. VARIEN.

A man well posted on one of the most important of the later-developed industries of California is Charles A. Varien, the efficient secretary of the Monterey Fish Products Company, of Monterey. He is a native son, his birth having occurred in Amador county, November 18, 1890. His father was William H. Varien, a native of Iowa, who came to California in the gold-rush days. He married Miss Marina Seoble and the family came to Monterey in 1891. Mr. Varien is a barber and conducts a shop at Pacific Grove, while two sons—for there were nine children in the family—have shops in Monterey.

Charles Varien attended the grammar and the high schools of Pacific Grove, and then went to a business college in San Francisco, from which he was graduated in 1912. Filled with a young man's ambition, he went to eastern Oregon and for five years was on a homestead, but on his return to Monterey engaged in the fish business. For the past six years, he has been with the Monterey Fish Products Company, and for three years he has been interested financially in the enterprise, filling the responsible position of secretary. His company is engaged in the manufacture of poultry food, and from the standpoint that all such service to the poultrymen is today of the highest importance, the many details requiring attention in a single day's operations by the Fish Products Company make Mr. Varien's post hardly a sinecure, and yet one affording him zest, as the late Peter Clark McFarlane would have put it, to "attack" the day's program. The Monterey Fish Products Company uses for its poultry-food, much of which is shipped to Petaluma, the by-products of the fish; they also manufacture an oil that is used extensively in the automobile business, and much of the output is shipped to Petaluma.

Mr. Varien makes his home in Pacific Grove. He married Miss A. Piazzoni and their children are Charles Louis, Alice Marina and Esther Anita. Politically Mr. Varien is a democrat but is not active to the extent of seeking office. He is fond of hunting, is well acquainted with Monterey county and its resources, and is happy that he is living in the California commonwealth.

MICHAEL PETER BUTIER.

Michael Peter Butier, one of the successful ranchers, apple buyers, packers and shippers of the Watsonville area, proprietor of an extensive plant in the Aromas neighborhood and one of the best known men in his line in this section, is a European by birth but has been a resident of this country since the days of his boyhood and thus feels himself, and properly, a thorough American in all his acts and aspirations. Mr. Butier is a Dalmatian of Alsatian stock, born April 13, 1879, on the coast of the Adriatic in what were then crown lands of Dalmatia, a titular kingdom in the Cisleithan division of the empire of Austria-Hungary, now comprised within the confines of the new republic of Jugoslavia. He is a son of Peter and Anna (Lettunich)

Butier, both of whom were of Alsatian descent, and the former of whom was for years engaged in the retail meat business in his home place.

Reared in his native place, Michael Peter Butier acquired his education there and remained at home until he was fifteen years of age, when he came to the United States, his objective being California, where he had kinsfolk who had become well established. Along the way and before leaving Europe he visited Alsatian kinsfolk and made a comprehensive trip to Paris and then sailed for the port of New York. Upon his arrival in this country he struck out for the west and was two years "working his way" to California, working as a butcher, in which line he had had home training, and at other things his hands found to do, and in time he reached San Francisco. He worked there awhile, acquiring a pretty good acquaintance with the city, and then came to Watsonville, where he began working in the orchard plants of his cousin, M. N. Lettunich, now the president of the Fruit Growers National Bank of Watsonville. Not long afterward he was attracted to the mining fields and went into Calaveras county, where he was for two years engaged in the mines. With the money he there made Mr. Butier returned to Watsonville and went into business on his own account, buying and packing fruit, and continuing thus until in 1906, when he sold his plant and returned to San Francisco, in which city he was for six years thereafter a fruit broker. In 1912 Mr. Butier returned to Watsonville and has since then been in the fruit business here. He owns a fine orchard of thirty acres, devoted to apples and apricots, and in addition had a well established packing and shipping plant in Aromas, but it burned down on March 2, 1925. Mr. Butier began rebuilding at once. During the many years of his experience in the fruit business Mr. Butier has acquired a degree of understanding along that line that gives him a successful facility in business and he has done well, long having been recognized as one of the leading growers and shippers in this section.

In 1906, in Watsonville, Mr. Butier was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Lettunich, who also had come to this country from Austria and who has been a valued helpmate to him in his operations. Mr. and Mrs. Butier have two children. Peter and Anna. The Butiers reside at No. 165 Wall street, Watsonville, and are very comfortably situated there. They are members of the Roman Catholic church and Mr. Butier is affiliated with the council of the Knights of Columbus in Watsonville.

JOSEPH M. CHANEY.

Joseph M. Chaney, a building contractor of 328 Cayuga street, Salinas, is a native of the state of Maine. He was born in Whitefield, Lincoln county, November 26, 1856, and when a youth spent three years in the mackerel fisheries along the Maine coast. In 1873, or when seventeen years of age, he came to California on an emigrant train, taking two weeks for the trip, and paying sixty-six dollars fare, from Boston, Massachusetts. His brother had come to this state five years before and met him at Emigrant Gap, in Placer county, when he landed in the Golden state in midwinter. He worked in Nevada county for the St. John Canal Company for three years, being engaged on construction work in the building of flumes. Later he returned to Maine, but came to California once more and this time located in Nevada, and then in Placer county, where he worked as a carpenter, and assisted to build the big flumes, then used in hydraulic mining. He was particularly active in and around Nevada City, where he saw a great deal of the interesting life of those days. Later still, he worked in the quartz mines, building mills and hoists, and doing general carpenter and millright work, and continuing in that field until 1888, about the time of the collapse of the great "boom" in southern California realty.

Learning of work that he might secure in Watsonville, Mr. Chaney moved to Santa Cruz county and there assisted in the construction of the Spreckels sugar factory, being in time appointed to the position of factory foreman. For seventeen years he made a fine record in his work for this company, living for ten years of this period in Watsonville, and when the big sugar factory was started in 1898 near Salinas—the largest beet-sugar factory in the world, he was made foreman of construction of the new plant. In 1905, however, he established himself in business at

Salinas as a contractor, and during the ensuing year put up the Index building, the Schroeder block and the Muller building, and remodelled the plant of the Salinas Valley Ice Company. He also built complete the equipment of houses, barns, windmills and other outbuildings on many ranches, and six years after he had left the employ of the Spreckels Company, he secured from that widely-known concern a commission to build the necessary ranch houses and other structures at their King City ranch. Whatever Mr. Chaney has done in California, speaks well for him and well for those who engaged him.

Mr. Chaney married Miss Fannie Ott, a native of Nevada City, California, and they have three children: Rowena, wife of O. Bardin; Leonardo, a veterinary surgeon of King City, and Gladys, wife of Douglass McConnell, a civil engineer with the Standard Oil Company at Richmond, California. For thirty-two years Mr. Chaney has been an Odd Fellow, his membership being in Alisal Lodge, No. 163, I. O. O. F.

MRS. MARY L. SCHELLENGER.

Not every community may felicitate itself because of so efficient a federal officer as Mrs. Mary L. Schellenger, the experienced, energetic and accommodating postmistress at Soquel, in Santa Cruz county, in which town she has lived for the past thirty years. A native daughter, immensely proud of her association with the great Golden state, she was born at Marysville, Yuba county, a member of the family of John A. Paine, a California pioneer who came out to the coast by way of the Isthmus. He was a native of Ohio and became familiar with rough miners in Yuba county, but later removed to the locality near Forbestown, in Butte county.

Mary Paine attended school in New York Flat, and also at Forbestown and Marysville, and for six years she taught school in Yuba and Sutter counties. She was married April 7, 1877, at Meridian, Sutter county, to Clarence H. Schellenger, a blacksmith by trade, who worked in mills in Sutter and Shasta counties, but some thirty years ago, came to Santa Cruz county, locating at Soquel, and associating himself with Charles S. Mason in the latter's well appointed shop. He is now serving as assistant postmaster. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schellenger, namely: Edith and Ernest.

Mrs. Schellenger was made postmistress at Soquel when the office was of the fourth class and pretty small at that. Since then, thanks in part to the energetic progressiveness of the postmistress, the office is now in the third class; and so general has been the satisfaction given by the incumbent, that Mrs. Schellenger has served through a number of changing administrations. She recognizes her paramount duty to do all that she can to render the postal service of the highest efficiency to the largest number; hence, she is untiring in her efforts to help and to please, and the visitors to the Soquel post office goes away with a pleasant impression of both townsfolk and town. Mrs. Schellenger is a Rebekah; but she does not limit her fraternal spirit to those who are fellowmembers, but seeks to be of use to all with whom she comes into contact.

MISS TILLY POLAK.

Among the numerous shops that attract the attention of the countless passers along Ocean avenue in picturesque Carmel-by-the-Sea in Monterey county there is perhaps none that holds the interest of the intelligent and cultured tourist longer than the admirably stocked shop of Miss Tilly Polak, dealer in antiques and objects d' art, who has established there one of the most thoughtfully selected collections of the kind to be found in the state of California. With an inherent and highly trained sense of art valuations Miss Polak has assembled her treasures of art and antiquity with fine discriminatory judgment, and thus her appeal to both the artistic and the utilitarian sense of her patrons has met with a degree of response that insures the permanence of the establishment she has set up there in the delightful little resort town by the sea. One of the fine antiques that Miss Polak, at great pains and no

little expense, imported from Europe has become a permanent "exhibit" at Carmel and has proved an object of much admiration. This interesting piece is an old wrought-iron sign, certified to be right around three hundred years old, that Miss Polak found hanging in front of a restaurant in Luzerne, Switzerland, one of the oldest signs in continuous use in that ancient city. She was enabled to add it to her collection and the value of the old sign as a guidon for the front of his theater was recognized by the proprietor of the Theater of the Golden Bough at Carmel, who bought it and had it installed at his theater where it now may be admired by all. Another of the treasures which Miss Polak brought with her from Holland was a treasure chest of the seventeenth century, which attracted the attention of a tourist from Maine, who selected it from Miss Polak's shop and had it shipped back to his New England home. Many other prizes of equal value have thus been distributed in this country through Miss Polak's discriminatory sense as a collector and dealer.

Tilly Polak is a native of the kingdom of Holland, born in the city of Amsterdam, and was reared amid a fine social environment. She was given every advantage in the way of education and acquired a facile use of three languages besides her own native Dutch, speaking English, French and German fluently. Early trained in literary and artistic expression, Miss Polak became connected with the printing trades in her native Amsterdam and became the manager of a publishing house there, later taking up artistic catalog work, and was thus engaged in that city until after the conclusion of the World war, when she found herself longing for the great outdoors and for some form of self expression that would take her away from the old environment. Through local connections she decided to go to Java, with a view to indulging an ambition to become an apiarist there or some other place in the antipodes, the bee industry long having interested her, and after six months of investigation in Java she sailed over to New South Wales in Australia, where she became an apiarist. The venture did not come up to her expectations and she presently abandoned the enterprise and went to Auckland in New Zealand. From there she presently sailed up to the Fiji islands and after a six month's cruise took passage for Victoria, British Columbia. While in Victoria she heard so many good reports of California that she presently took passage to San Francisco and in this latter city heard many admiring comments concerning beautiful Carmel-by-the-Sea. With a party of friends she visited Carmel and there became convinced of the prospective value of a shop given over to the display and sale of antiques and objects d' art and with artistic care selected such material as would be suitable for such an enterprise in a small way and opened a shop on Ocean avenue. This art and antique shop proved an immediate success and the initial stock of goods soon was sold out. In March, 1923, Miss Polak returned to Holland and there arranged for the exportation to her shop in Carmel of a carefully selected stock of goods in her line and has since been importing, having found a ready market for all the articles of real value she can secure. It is thus that the beautifully appointed Tilly Polak art shop at Carmel has come to be recognized as one of the show places of that picturesque and popular resort.

HENRY STRUVE.

Henry Struve, president of the Watsonville Vegetable Growers Association and the general manager of the affairs of that useful cooperative organization, is the owner of one of the best kept vegetable ranches in this section and has long been recognized as one of the leading lettuce shippers in this wonderful garden country. He was born on the ranch he now owns in the Roache district in the vicinity of Watsonville, Santa Cruz county, May 11, 1869, and is a son of Hans and Cecelia (Storm) Struve, both natives of the Kingdom of Denmark, and their last days were spent on their ranch in the Watsonville neighborhood.

The late Hans Struve, who in his generation was acknowledged one of the leaders in vegetable culture hereabout and for years one of the most conspicuous promoters of that now mammoth industry, came to California from Denmark in 1852 and finding conditions here to his liking returned to his native land, was there married and he and his bride then came to California and established their home on the place above

referred to, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Hans Struve early became convinced of the exceeding fruitfulness of the soil here for the growing of vegetables and personally secured the immigration here of numerous of his fellow countrymen who could give to vegetable gardening that degree of intensive attention so requisite for proper results, in many instances furnishing the money to secure the passage of his compatriots and helping to get them established here. He was an ardent democrat, took an active part in local political affairs and was in other ways long regarded as one of the leaders of the community. It was he who brought into the Watsonville neighborhood the first steam thresher and along other lines he also was ever a leader, a man of influence and held in high esteem. He prospered in his operations and became the owner of a fine place of three hundred and twenty acres. His death occurred in 1909 and at his passing he left a good memory, for he had done well his part in community development.

Reared on the home ranch in the Watsonville neighborhood, Henry Struve acquired his education in the local schools and was from the days of his boyhood devoted to the operation of the farm, well trained in the details of vegetable culture by his experienced father. He remained on the home place until his marriage when past twenty-five years of age and then began farming on his own account, giving his particular attention to the growing of lettuce, in which he long has been recognized as an expert. Mr. Struve owns a fine place of five hundred and twenty acres in the San Andreas and Roache districts and there remained until 1917, when he retired from the ranch and moved to Watsonville, where he and his wife have since resided, their son, Elmer H. Struve, managing the ranch. In 1924 Henry Struve organized the leading vegetable growers of this region into a cooperative marketing association, under the name of the Watsonville Vegetable Growers Association, and has since served as president and manager of the affairs of that organization, which has proved its value in standardizing both products and marketing conditions. There now are better than forty members of this association and it is doing good work. Mr. Struve also is a stockholder in the Pajaro Valley National Bank of Watsonville and has other substantial interests. He is a charter member of the Vera Cruz Lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and when a lodge of this order was organized in Watsonville he became a charter member of that.

In 1895 Henry Struve was united in marriage to Miss Mary Martin, daughter of Thomas Martin, who also was one of the pioneers of the Watsonville neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. Struve have two children: The son, Elmer Henry Struve, above mentioned, was graduated from the Agricultural College at Davis and is now giving his attention to the home ranch, and the daughter, Miss Louise Struve, is the teacher of home economics in the Watsonville high school.

CHARLES LAWRENCE FROST.

What progress has been made in the art of modern roofing, and what enterprise has been developed in the handling of contracts on an extensive scale, for the proper protection and ornamentation of houses is well illustrated in the operations of Charles Lawrence Frost, a roofing contractor of Pacific Grove. He was born in Sonoma county, California, December 29, 1894, the son of Martin Van Buren and Cora E. (Warner) Frost, highly-esteemed California pioneers. His father was born in the Golden state, and although his mother first saw the light in Illinois she came to California in 1862. This worthy couple, who have always found extreme satisfaction in doing their duty by the community in which they have lived, are still enjoying life and their circle of devoted friends.

Charles L. Frost attended the grammar and high schools of Healdsburg and in time matriculated at the University of California, being duly graduated with the class of 1917, when he received the coveted Bachelor of Arts degree. After leaving college, he was associated for a time with the Johns Manville Company, and then embarked in business for himself. Now, having forged ahead more and more, he does practically all the roofing in Monterey and San Benito counties, and he employs twenty men to help handle the work.

During the World war Mr. Frost enlisted in the United States army, and at the first training camp was appointed second lieutenant, and later promoted to first lieutenant and afterward to captain. He did not go to Europe but did yeoman service in making clear to many the rights and rewards of civic life. He is a Mason and an Elk, and he belongs to the Phi Sigma Kappa.

THE PACIFIC GROVE NURSERY.

Among the numerous beautiful "show places" in Monterey county there is none perhaps that attracts more admiring attention on the part of the people of the county and the thousands of tourists who annually travel the highways of the Pacific Grove country than does the wonderful Pacific Grove Nursery, developed there under the loving nurture of Murray E. White, who has come to be recognized as one of the leading floriculturists and horticulturists of this beautiful land of the flowers. Though not as large a tract as is comprised within some of the greater nurseries of the state, the three and a half acres developed in the establishment of the Pacific Grove Nursery is a veritable bower of beauty, its charm attracting the admiring attention of all who come under the spell of the wondrous profusion of flowers there under cultivation, and it is but fitting that in this definite history of the region this establishment does so much to adorn, there should be carried a story of the manner in which this nursery came into being.

The Pacific Grove Nursery is a development growing out of an interesting experiment undertaken in 1920 by Murray E. White, a professional photographer and an instinctive lover of the beautiful in nature, who in that year became established in business in Pacific Grove, after years of professional experience in other parts of the state. Upon his arrival in Pacific Grove, Mr. White realized the possibilities of floricultural development and he bought a tract of three and one-half acres of uncultivated land at the entrance to the Seventeen Mile Drive. He had this tract cleared of its native timber and turned up a rich dark loam, which was found highly adaptable to the uses for which he designed it, and on that tract he began to specialize in the cultivation of gladioluses, those brilliant irridaceous plants, natives chiefly of Africa though found also in Europe and Asia, and brought to high cultivation particularly in Holland. The gladiolus seemed perfectly at home in this soil and it was not long until Mr. White began to realize that he was on the way to a great success in its cultivation. Since that time he has increased the number of varieties of these attractive plants on his place until now there are no fewer than one hundred and fifty such, many of which are of imported Holland stock, and his bulbs are in wide demand, the price of these bulbs ranging from ten cents to thirty dollars, according to variety. He also has created a wide and growing market for bulbs of various others of the monocotyledonous plants, particularly the lily and the tulip, and his nursery has come to be recognized as one of the best in this region. The hyrdid amaryllis also is one of his specialties, a profuse variety being offered in this department, and then there are many of the standard plants for garden and lawn decorative purposes. Mr. White also has done much with strawberries, particularly of the celebrated brandywine variety, and with the ranaree variety of the red raspberry and the black cap variety of the black raspberry. This nursery also is able to furnish almost anything in the way of ornamental shrubbery and its products are in wide and popular demand hereabout.

Murray E. White, proprietor of the Pacific Grove Nursery, was born in Shinglehouse, Potter county, Pennsylvania, April 27, 1884, and was early trained in the art and mystery of photography, in time becoming a commercial photographer in his home state. In 1908 he came to California and became engaged in business as a professional photographer in Mountain View, Santa Clara county, presently also becoming associated with G. D. Givens as a photographer at Menlo Park. For twelve years Mr. White remained in Mountain View and then, in 1920, moved to Pacific Grove, where he since has made his home. Upon locating in Pacific Grove Mr. White opened a gallery on Forest avenue, but in 1923 he sold that establishment and has since been devoting his whole attention to his nursery, the development of which gradually came to

demand all of his time and in this new line he not only derives much personal satisfaction but a gratifying measure of profit, for he now has an established market for the products of his nursery and is projecting further extension of the business. At the fair held in Mountain View in 1923 Mr. White distributed seventy-eight dozen gladiolus bulbs and in that same year had a brilliant showing of his products at the Monterey industrial exhibit. Mr. White is a member of Monterey Lodge No. 1285, of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

JACK EVERED NORTON.

A wideawake superintendent of an important industry, and equally alert to please his patrons, remembering that a satisfied customer is one of the best of advertisements, is Jack Evered Norton, the popular manager of the enterprising Norton-Phelps Lumber Company at Twin Lakes, the romantic settlement in Santa Cruz county. A Canadian by birth, he was born at Prince Edward Island, November 14, 1889, a son of Evered and Elizabeth (Deason) Norton, the best of worthy Americans, who were esteemed as fellow citizens and good neighbors and who tried to make the home surroundings of our subject such as would be helpful to him in later years. He enjoyed the benefits of both the grammar and the high schools of Colorado, to which state his parents had removed when Jack was a boy. Haing successfully finished his secondary studies, he took up civil engineering and followed that for eleven years; and then he was a field engineer for the Interstate Commerce Commission and so came to have charge of the valuation department in Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and California.

Jack Norton came to the Golden state in 1912, and for a while made his home at San Diego. Then, with his father, he took over the Los Gatos Lumber Company, at Los Gatos, and in 1921 he established at Twin Lakes the branch of which he is now the efficient manager. They also have a branch at Aptos; and in the management of both of these enterprises they have been very successful. Twin Lakes is a settlement just outside of Santa Cruz, and the Nortons have also become identified with the city's best interests, enabling them to give expression to their desire to advance Santa Cruz county in every way that they can. Mr. Norton is a republican, and finds satisfaction in the platform of that party favoring the protection of American trade. He has extensive interests in real estate in this vicinity and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Fraternally he is a Master Mason.

On the 7th of March, 1920, Mr. Norton was united in marriage to Miss Marian Smith, of Colorado, and they are now living at Seabright with their one child, a daughter, named Betty.

WILLIAM P. SWEENEY.

William P. Sweeney of Pacific Grove, a general contractor whose wide and valuable experience, coupled with his progressive views and his spirit of enterprise, have come to prove inestimable to the communities he serves. Like a number of other men who have decidedly "made good" in California, he was born on a farm in Michigan, first seeing the light on April 19, 1882, and his parents were George D. and Mary J. (Gates) Sweeney. His father early cleared his land by felling the hard Michigan timber and bringing the soil under cultivation.

When a lad William P. Sweeney attended the rural Michigan schools and at the age of twelve commenced to work on the home farm, continuing his labors there until he reached the age of nineteen. He had spent two winters in the woods and two winters in the coal mines when in 1905 he came to California and located at Pacific Grove where he worked for a while at whatever he could get to support himself. About 1907, he learned the carpenter trade under great difficulties, at the Hotel Del Monte carpenter shop; and he advanced so well after that, that in 1919 he engaged in business for himself. He built the City Hall Garage at Pacific Grove, the Pacific Grove

high school gymnasium, and also Mr. Hayes' store, at Monterey, and recently he completed a fine home for himself. He is also erecting the buildings for the Citizens' Military Training Camp, is renovating the Elks' Club rooms and is building many of the finest residences in various near-by towns. He has broadened his views, and added to his experience by thrice making a tour to the eastern states; and as a successful man of affairs, his influence in republican political councils and circles is enviable.

On the 17th of December, 1904, Mr. Sweeney was married to Miss Lena M. Kernohan, of Michigan, and they are happy as the parents of four children, Verna M., Blanche E., Stanley Sweeney and Ruby Pauline. Mr. Sweeney belongs to the Elks, is fond of autoing, and is never happier than when fishing.

CHRIS F. STORM.

In the list of ranchers and fruit and vegetable growers who have made of the Watsonville neighborhood a veritable garden of rare productiveness, the name of Chris F. Storm, proprietor of a well kept ranch on the Santa Cruz highway, two miles out of Watsonville, occupies a properly prominent place, for he has done well in his operations and has become well established among the successful growers of this region. His father created there a good piece of property and he has carried on the development work until now he has one of the best appointed places in this section. Chris F. Storm was born on the place on which he is now living and has always made that place his home. He is the youngest son of Chris F. and Laura (Anderson) Storm, both of whom were natives of the Kingdom of Denmark. The senior Chris F. Storm came to this country in the early '60s of the past century and proceeded into California and established himself as a rancher in the Watsonville neighborhood. He was successful in his operations and became the owner of more than four hundred acres of land, long having been recognized as among the leading farmers of the practical and substantial type. He died in 1907, at the age of sixty-two years. His widow survived him for seven years, her death occurring in 1914, when she also was past sixty years of age.

Reared on the home ranch in the vicinity of Watsonville, the junior Chris F. Storm received his education in the local schools and from the days of his boyhood has been devoted to the development of the home place, three hundred and thirty-three acres of which he now owns, and he and his wife are very comfortably situated there. Mr. Storm's place is in an excellent state of cultivation and he has an admirable farm plant, all the improvements being in up-to-date style. All of his land is arable and he has successfully devoted his attention to dairying, grain and vegetables.

In 1907, in Watsonville, Mr. Storm was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Conlan, a native of California and a daughter of Samuel Conlan, a considerable property owner and a widely known stockman of Watsonville. Mr. Storm is an active member of the parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West at Watsonville and has long taken an earnest interest in the affairs of that popular and locally influential body.

FRANCIS A. ABBOTT.

Prominent among the public officials in Monterey county, is Francis A. Abbott, city treasurer and tax collector of Salinas. He is influential in commercial and financial circles, and may be credited with contributing effectively in a sound and permanent way toward the rapid and steady development of this promising section of the great Golden state. A native son always proud of his association with the California commonwealth, Frank Abbott was born at Point Reyes, Marin county, March 16, 1862, the son of Carlisle S. and Alice Elizabeth (Merriman) Abbott, both natives of Ontario, and now deceased. Twice the father made trips across the great, untracked plains to California, traversing the continent first in 1850, and then making his way across a second time two years later. He was lucky in his mining adventures on his

first visit here, and this enabled him to return east and bring his bride, whom he had just married. He followed agricultural pursuits in Sacramento and Marin counties, and carried on cattle-raising and dairying. Coming to Salinas in 1866 he continued in the same line and prospered. He served two terms in the state legislature as a republican member and there demonstrated his public-spirit and his ability in several directions. Five children were born to him and his wife, and three are still living: H. E., Francis A. and Mrs. Charles Guberson.

Francis A. Abbot attended the Salinas schools, and then pursued an excellent course at Heald's Business College in San Francisco. At the age of sixteen he started to work for wages, drove a team, clerked in a butcher shop, with his brother and also performed day labor on a farm. In 1880 he removed to Tombstone, Arizona, and for nine years was in the dairy business there. In 1889 he returned to Salinas, spent some time on the ranch, and then was with his brother in the butchering business. With Tom Joy he later bought the butcher shop and after a while purchased his partner's interest and continued the business alone. Next he was secretary of the Salinas Meat Company, but sold his interest in 1921, since which time he has withdrawn from business affairs.

Mr. Abbott has been more than ordinarily active in public life and enjoys a record for service highly creditable. He was mayor of Salinas for a term and was also city clerk. He was appointed recorder to fill an unexpired term and later was elected to that office. He served seven years and perfected the modern system of accounting now in use in the county recorder's office, being the most complete system in the state. For two terms he served as school trustee, and one term as president of the board.

Mr. Abbott was married to Miss Annabel Forster, who was born in Chico, Butte county, California, but reared in Salinas, and four children blessed their union. Charles Eldon, a plumber of Orland; Chester J., in Kings City; Russell M., with the Shell Oil Company, and a daughter, Mrs. D. L. Shaw. Mr. Abbott followed in his father's footsteps as a member of Salinas Lodge, No. 204, F. & A. M.; Salinas Chapter No. 59, R. A. M.; and Chapter No. 47, O. E. S. He likewise belongs to Salinas Lodge, No. 614, B. P. O. E. Loyalty—one of his marked characteristics—is manifest in all his fraternal relations as well as in the discharge of his official duties.

JACOB FOSTER.

Jacob Foster, one of the substantial ranchers of Santa Cruz county, proprietor of a well kept and successfully operated place on the Beach road, overlooking the ocean, is now making his home in Watsonville, where he and his family are very comfortably situated. He was born on the place he now owns along the Beach road and has been a resident of this community all his life. His father developed that place and he has since made such improvements as have been regarded essential and now has one of the best kept garden plots in this section. His parents, Jacob and Margaret (Koopman) Foster, were both natives of Germany but were married in California and their last days were spent here.

The senior Jacob Foster grew up to the sea and after years of sailing became established in San Francisco in 1854 and became the owner of sailing vessels of his own, engaged in the coastwise trade. Like many seafaring men, Captain Foster cherished a dream of some day retiring from the sea and becoming a landowning farmer. This dream he realized in 1870, when he sold his fleet and established himself as a resident farmer on the Beach road, overlooking the sea out of Watsonville, where he created a good piece of property, owning three hundred acres of land, and where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, substantial and respected members of that community. Captain Jacob Foster died in 1906 and his widow survived him for thirteen years, her death occurring in 1919. They are survived by four children, the subject of this review having two brothers, Henry and Charles Foster of Watsonville; and a sister, Celia, wife of John McCollum, also a resident of Watsonville.

Reared on the home farm the junior Jacob Foster acquired his education in the local schools and from the days of his boyhood has been devoted to the development of

the home ranch, one hundred and twenty acres of which he now owns. On this place he has made substantial improvements and is giving his chief attention to the cultivation of sugar beets and other profitably marketable vegetables, his operations being carried on in accordance with up-to-date practices, and he has done well. In 1921 Mr. Foster moved from the farm into Watsonville in order to secure the better advantages there offered his children in the way of schooling and he and his family have since made their home in the city, having a very pleasant home at No. 425 Blackburn street.

In 1907 in Watsonville, Jacob Foster was united in marriage to Miss Helen M. Ryason, daughter of James M. Ryason of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Foster have two children: A son, Jacob G. Foster, and a daughter, Eleanor M. Foster. Mr. Foster is a Knights Templar Mason and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine; a member of the parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West in Watsonville and is also affiliated with the Improved Order of Red Men, the Knight of the Maccabees and the Sciots. Both he and Mrs. Foster are members of the local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and in other ways take a proper and helpful interest in the general social affairs of the city.

CHRISTOPHER B. LANSDOWN.

Christopher B. Lansdown, secretary-treasurer of the Monterey Products Company of Monterey and formerly connected with the operations of the Santa Clara branch of the Bank of Italy, has had a wide, varied and interesting experience in business affairs and has come to be recognized as one of the real alert promoters of the growing interests of this section of the coast country. Mr. Lansdown is a native of England but has been a resident of the United States for about fifteen years and thus has become thoroughly familiar with conditions and methods here. Trained to the banking business in London, he was for some time engaged in banking in Tacoma and in Seattle and in 1921 became connected with the Bank of Italy, serving that great banking institution's interests at Santa Clara until the organization of the Monterey Products Company in 1923, since which time he has been serving as its secretary and treasurer, giving to the development of its interests his best care and attention.

Mr. Lansdown was born in Acton, a suburb of the city of London, January 15, 1883, and is a son of Professor Henry and Mary (Pusey) Lansdown, the latter of whom, a kinswoman of the Rev. Dr. Edward Bouverie Pusey, is still living. The Rev. Dr. Pusey, one of the most eminent theologians of the past generation in England, was born in the vicinity of Oxford in 1800 and when twenty-eight years of age was made regius professor of Hebrew at Oxford and canon of Christ church. In 1835 he took part in the tractarian movement and later was suspended for three years from preaching for publishing "The Holy Eucharist a Comfort to the Penitent." The movement thus started took the name "Puseyism" and the practice of confession among the extreme ritualists of the Church of England dates from his two sermons on "the entire absolution of the penitent" in 1846. In ecclesiastical and theological circles this is regarded as a most important stage in a great movement within the Church of England, known as the Oxford movement, which was simply an informed uprising against the Erastianism and liberalism of that day and in behalf of the conservative, patristic, sacramental form of piety and theology dominant in the seventeenth century. With the movement, mainly a theological one, were associated the restoration of symbolism and ceremonial known as ritualism and a revival of conventual life in the church. Dr. Pusey's name originally was Bouverie. The family, of Huguenot origin, became lords of the manor of Pusey, near Oxford, and from it took that name. He died in 1882, and his works in the realm of theology live after him. Professor Henry Lansdown was a member of a well established and substantial family in England and was a technical instructor of something more than local note in London. He is deceased but his wife is still living.

Reared in London, Christopher B. Lansdown finished his schooling in the Latimore school, Hammersworth, and early took up accountancy, becoming an expert in that field. He was chief accountant in the offices of the Great Western Railroad, for five years, and was clerk in the Bank of Adalaid, London, for two years. For the

same length of time he was connected with the Bank of Africa in the metropolis, and was in the office of the Studevant Engineering Company of London for two years. From that connection was called to an executive position as manager in the great banking house of Farrows (Limited) in London, remaining there for five years.

In 1913 Mr. Lansdown came to the United States and for four years was with the Wheeler Osgood Company at Tacoma, Washington. For one year he was auditor of the Puget Sound Bank & Trust Company of Tacoma and from 1918 to 1921 was connected with the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Seattle and was then made assistant cashier of the Bank of Italy at Santa Clara, California. In December, 1923, he took part in the organization of the Monterey Products Company and was made secretary-treasurer of that now flourishing corporation, a position to which he since has been giving his earnest attention, his wide experience in business affairs giving a very real value to his services in this behalf.

Mr. Lansdown married Miss Winifred M. Strachan, of England, and they have three sons, Ian S., Bernard H. and Eric I. Mr. and Mrs. Lansdown are members of the Episcopal church. For the advantage of their sons in the way of schooling they now are making their home in Fruitvale, Oakland, where they are very pleasantly situated. Mr. Lansdown has a brother, who is the general traffic manager of the London Auto Bus Association and who is recognized as an authority in England on the growing business of motor transportation.

M. J. MURPHY.

A general contractor whose skill and experience have enabled him to carry out important commissions is M. J. Murphy of Carmel. He was born in Logan, Utah, January 26, 1886, the son of Michael and Emma (Hagel) Murphy, the former an extensive cattle raiser and breeder of blooded stock. He died when his son was a lad of seven years, but Mrs. Murphy is living in California.

M. J. Murphy attended the local public schools, and then helped as best he could upon the ranch. When seventeen years of age he came to California. He learned the carpenter trade and also had some experience in painting, and it thus happened that he had a good idea of the problems of construction when he commenced business for himself in Los Angeles.

Coming north, he was in Pacific Grove for a few months and came to Carmel, in 1904, when the Pine Inn and the old Murphy place were the only landmarks here. Establishing himself in business, he was for a number of years the only contractor in Carmel. The pioneer builder, he has erected many fine residences, the artists' houses and business blocks. He put up the first house erected at Pebble Beach, and also in the Highlands. He erected the Famous Inn and other notable buildings, all of which stand as monuments to his skill and ability. He now employs eighty-five men, carefully directing their labors, and he draws all the plans for the execution of the contracts awarded him.

Mr. Murphy was married to Miss Edna Owens of Idaho, by whom he has four children: Franklin, Fay and the twins, Kathleen and Rosalie. Mr. Murphy and his family occupy a house built twenty years ago among the pines, before the streets were laid out. He supports the democratic party and finds pleasure in subscribing to the principles of Jefferson. He has never been an office seeker however, as his time is fully occupied with the cares of a growing business, that with the passing years has brought him substantial prosperity.

ARGYLE CAMPBELL.

No other county in California is better represented at the bar or on the bench, than is Monterey, in which such scholarly, experienced and high-minded lawyers as Argyle Campbell, of Monterey, have attained to well deserved eminence. He was born at San Jose December 2, 1892, the son of James Havelock and Mary (Faulkner)

Campbell, the father being one of the leading jurists of San Jose. He was a native of Andover, Massachusetts, but was brought by his parents to California at the tender age of three years. He served for five terms as district attorney of Santa Clara county and was the dean of the Institute of Law of the Santa Clara University. He died in the fall of 1923, and his wife has also passed away.

Argyle Campbell attended the public schools for a time and then was sent to the Mt. Tamalpais Military School, after which he matriculated at the Santa Clara University, remaining there during his sophomore year. He next entered Northwestern University, but left that institution during his senior year because of the failing health of his mother, in order to be near her. In course of time, he took the bar examination, and being admitted to practice opened an office in San Jose, but he gave up the chance to advance in his profession in order to enter the Officers Training Camp during the World war and was commissioned and made instructor of military law there. He was recommended for a commission of colonel, but as he desired to get across he took the commission of first lieutenant. He was then made an instructor at Santa Clara University and was also at the Presidio, San Francisco, and at Fort Mason. He had charge of the troops during the strike at the shipyards in Oakland.

After receiving his discharge, Mr. Campbell took a vacation. Recalling the charm of this section of the state from his student days, he chose Monterey as the field of his future professional activity. Nor could he have done better, for its citizens like Arglye Campbell quite as well as he likes their historic peninsula. He was chief deputy district attorney under Congressman Fell when the latter was district attorney of San Jose, and is now attorney for the city of Carmel. He belongs to the American Legion, and in national political affairs is an independent democrat.

Mr. Campbell married Miss Mabel Phelps, a native of Wisconsin, who was reared in California and they have two sons: Gordon and John Douglas. While a student, Mr. Campbell belonged to the Phi Kappa Psi, the Phi Alpha Delta, and the Theta Nu Epsilon fraternities, and he always took an active part in college athletics, being on the baseball, running and fencing teams.

EARL PERCY PARKES.

Among the progressive building contractors who in recent years have done so much toward the advancement of the material interests of Monterey county, Earl Percy Parkes, a substantial contractor of the thriving village of Carmel, is entitled to special recognition by reason of the fine character of the work he has done. During the time of his residence at Carmel, he has had charge of the greater part of the really substantial building operations there carried on and the evidences of his craftsmanship are visible on all sides, many of the notable residences erected there during that time having been built by him and not a few of the more substantial of the business buildings, included a fine business block which he himself owns. It is needless to say that good taste and enterprise, coupled with up-to-date methods of construction, characterize all of these operations, and the present attractive appearance of beautiful Carmel-by-the-sea thus owes much to this energetic builder.

Earl Percy Parkes, better known to his friends by his second name of Percy, is a native of the old Buckeye state but has been a resident of California for years. He was born in the city of Port Clinton in Ottawa county in northwestern Ohio, May 2, 1884, and is the son of William H. and Louise (Barnes) Parkes, the latter of whom is still living. The father, now deceased, was a well-to-do merchant of Port Clinton, a dealer in shoes, and was long regarded as one of the substantial citizens of that place.

Reared at Port Clinton, an attractive old town on Lake Erie, Percy Parkes had his schooling there and was graduated from the high school. He received also a good business education and as a young man became connected with the railway service, being connected with the passenger department of the Rock Island Railroad Company and was for several years engaged as a traveling excursion agent for that company, thus coming to California. The situation in this state proved so appealing to him

that he decided to take up his residence here. Having for some time given his serious thought to the study of law he entered the law school of the university at Los Angeles but before finishing the course and taking the final examinations became connected with the extensive realty operations then being carried on in Los Angeles and in 1911 established himself in that city as a building contractor. For seven or eight years Mr. Parkes was thus engaged as a builder in Los Angeles and then, in 1919, he transferred his operations to Carmel and has since been quite successful here in the building line, the considerable increase in the population and material interests of this delightful village during this time owing much to his enterprise and energetic methods.

Mr. Parkes has been twice married and by his first wife has a son, Earl Percy, Jr. For his second wife he married Miss Jeannette Hoagland, a native daughter of California, and by this union has a son, William Henry. Mr. and Mrs. Parkes have a very pleasant home at Carmel and take a proper interest in the city's general social and civic activities. Mr. Parker is a member of the Masonic order and is also a member of the Monterey Gun Club.

DAVID SCHWARTZ.

David Schwartz, of the mercantile firm of Blum & Schwartz, proprietors of the Arcade dry goods store at Monterey, is one of the best known and most progressive merchants of that city. He is of European birth but has been a resident of this country since the days of his boyhood and of California for about twenty-five years, his connection with this state having had its beginning upon his return from army service in the Philippines following the insurrection in the islands. The command to which he was attached was quartered at the Monterey presidio upon its return and while finishing out his term of service he became so attracted to the situation in and about Monterey that he decided to make this his permanent home. This decision was clinched when he presently married one of Monterey's fair daughters and became engaged in business in the city which ever since has been his home and where he has done very well in his mercantile enterprises. Mr. Schwartz was born in the kingdom of Rumania in eastern Europe in October, 1884, a son of Israel and Etta Schwartz, and remained in that country until he was fifteen years of age when, in 1899, he came to America and after spending six months in New York city made his way to Texas.

After a bit of boyish adventuring in Texas, David Schwartz got a job as a clerk in a store at Crockett, going to work at a wage of three dollars a week, and he remained there for a year, at the end of which time he returned to New York and in that city presently enlisted for service in the United States army. That was in the days following the Spanish-American war and American troops were having a touch of foreign service in connection with the native insurrections in the Philippine islands. Mr. Schwartz was assigned to service with the Fifteenth United States Infantry and with that command spent two years in the Philippines. Upon this regiment's return to the United States it was quartered in the presidio at Monterey and there Mr. Schwartz was on duty until the completion of his term of service, spending his leisure time to advantage in further schooling. The social side of a soldier's life was not neglected by him and while stationed at the presidio he became acquainted with the young lady who presently became his wife, Miss Mollie Specter, daughter of Mrs. J. L. Blum, who was carrying on a small mercantile business in the Osio building in Monterey.

Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Schwartz engaged in business in connection with Mrs. Blum, his mother-in-law, and this association, under the firm name of Blum & Schwartz, has since been continued quite successfully, the little store having been gradually developed. On April 18, 1918, the present Arcade department store of this firm, with its three well stocked and admirably equipped departments, was opened for business, the cavalry band furnishing the music on that auspicious occasion.

In this connection, it is but fitting to preserve here the story carried by one of

the local newspapers following the opening of this store. It started with the statement that "for a long time the people of Monterey have demanded an up-to-date department store." Continuing, the newspaper set out that "the Arcade is a part of the modern growth of Monterey, having had its beginning in a modest way when Mrs. Blum started a little store in Monterey fourteen years ago (1894). From that very small beginning the business of the firm has kept pace with the growth and development of Monterey. While but little in the beginning, the Arcade has always endeavored to keep abreast of the times so far as was within its means. It was the first store to introduce to Monterey the 'big sales' and these have always been popular with our people. It has been the policy of the Arcade from its beginning under Mrs. Blum's management, and afterward under the management of Blum & Schwartz, to keep business in Monterery and in pursuance of this policy, as the capital of the firm increased, the money was put into enlargement and a bettering of the merchandise service. Each move to new quarters has been to better and larger stores and today the entire ground floor of the Rowe building with its three splendid storerooms has been taken to house the largest and finest stock of merchandise ever gathered together in California's first capital."

Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz have three children: Nathan, Rosalie and William, the first named of whom now (1925) is in high school. Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz are democrats and he is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and is also affiliated with the Loyal Order of Moose. He is one of the active and influential members of the Monterey Chamber of Commerce and during his business career in that city has been regarded as one of the "live wires" in the promotion of its general commercial and industrial interests, a helpful factor in pushing forward such movements as have been designed to further the city's material advancement, and thus has earned a well recognized and definite place in local commercial circles.

LESLIE E. DOOLITTLE.

When the immortal Humboldt, traveling in Mexico, discovered the dahlia and called the winsome flower after his good friend, Professor Dahl, of the University of Berlin, he little thought what a century or more would bring forth, and what, for example, would be accomplished by that other nature lover, Leslie E. Doolittle, who, as a dahlia specialist, with his unrivalled dahlia gardens and exhibits, has helped to make Del Monte world famous. A native son, he was born in Madeira, June 8, 1882, the son of James E. and Ida (Bailey) Doolittle. His father came to California in the early '70s, and both parents are still living, in comfortable retirement and cheered by appreciative friends.

Leslie E. Doolittle attended the public schools of Fresno, in which town he spent his youth, and then for a time engaged in commercial pursuits in Alameda. He next removed to San Jose, where he first became interested in growing dahlias. In 1914 he located at Pacific Grove, and it was he who first commenced to grow dahlias at "the Point" in Pacific Grove, his place becoming famous for its beauty of the "Dahlia Gardens." In 1916, however, he transferred his enterprise to a new location, the one now so pleasantly associated with him in Del Monte, where he has planted four and one-half acres to dahlias of every description and some of great rarity. He also has the same amount of land on the Kendall road, where he raises more dahlias. In 1915, he won the medal for the best general exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exhibition against all competitors and his catalogue for 1923 contains one hundred and seven-five varieties, and three-fourths of these are of his own introduction. His Wizard of Oz is the finest dahlia in existence. He promoted and organized the first dahlia exhibition given at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco. He is a member of the Dahlia Society of California, the National Dahlia Society of America, and the American Dahlia Society. Considering all that he has attained, in science and in art, the sentiment of the medal given him at the Panama-Pacific Exposition is peculiarly appropriate: "With divine touch man unites the different elements."

Mr. Doolittle married Miss Mary J. Baumgardner, and the children born to them are: Harold L., who is in the high school; Wallace E., in the Del Monte

school; and Kenneth J., Lyle L., Stanley M., and Jean Comfort, who complete the family. Mr. Doolittle belongs to the Knights of Pythias in Monterey, and he is a supporter of the republican party.

FRED McCRARY.

Among the progressive young building contractors of Monterey county the name of Fred McCrary, of Pacific Grove, has come to occupy an outstanding position by reason of the high character of workmanship revealed in buildings for which he has been responsible. Though an easterner by birth and training, Mr. McCrary's activities in this line have been confined to California practically since he attained his majority and he thus is thoroughly familiar with conditions and needs in his line here. He had a responsible connection with the erection of the buildings for the Panama-Pacific Exposition and afterward established himself in business as a contractor in Monterey county, having since made his home at Pacifi Grove, where he is pleasantly situated and where he has done very well, many of the best buildings erected in this locality during the past decade exhibiting evidence of the substantial character of his work.

Mr. McCrary was born at Ashville, North Carolina, March 22, 1890, and is a son of Sol and Julia (King) McCrary, who not long after that date moved with their family to Terre Haute, Indiana. The mother of whom is still living. The father was an experienced building contractor and became well established in business in Terre Haute.

Reared in that city, Fred McCrary received his early education in the local schools and from the days of his boyhood, under his father's direction, was well trained in the carpenter's trade, by the time he had attained his majority having become competent to carry on work as a contractor. In 1912 he came to California and in San Francisco engaged in the building line, following his vocation there for two or three years, at the end of which time he returned east, but not long afterward came back to California and engaged in the great task involved in the erection of the structures necessary for the Panama-Pacific Exposition. In this capacity he superintended the erection of the fine arts building and festival hall, two of the notable edifices connected with that memorable exposition held in 1915, and upon the completion of his labors there located in Monterey county, where he since has made his home and where he has become well established in business.

In 1914, at Redwood City, California, Mr. McCrary was united in marriage to Miss Anna Viercke, daughter of John Viercke of Portland, Oregon, and they have three children: Sol, Julia and Dave. The McCrarys have a pleasant home at Pacific Grove and take a proper and helpful interest in the general social activities of that community.

HON. GEORGE CLEVELAND.

The Hon. George Cleveland, representative in the general assembly of the state of California, a veteran of the Spanish-American war with a record of service in the Philippines and a veteran of the World war with an overseas record, is today a prominent rancher in the immediate vicinity of Watsonville in Santa Cruz county and one of the best known men in that community. He is a Yankee by birth, of colonial and Revolutionary stock, but has been a resident of California since the days of his infancy and thus feels himself as much a Californian as though really "native and to the manner born," as the poet would have it.

Mr. Cleveland was born in the ancient and picturesque city of Skowhegan in the beautiful valley of the Kennebec in Somerset county, Maine, March 19, 1874, and is a son of George S. C. and Julia (Drumy) Cleveland, both members of old families in the Pine Tree state and whose last days were spent in California. This is the Cleveland family from which sprang Grover Cleveland, twenty-second president of the

United States. Moses Cleveland, the founder of the city of Cleveland, Ohio, also was a representative of this family, which had its beginnings in this country far back in colonial times and was honorably and actively represented in the Continental army during the days of the Revolution. Mr. Cleveland's great-grandfather was a soldier in the War of 1812; his grandfather, Samuel P. Cleveland, was a soldier of the Mexican war; and his father was a soldier of the Civil war. George S. C. Cleveland rendered service in behalf of the cause of the Union with a Maine regiment and for some years after the completion of his military service made his home at Skowhegan. In 1875 he disposed of his interests there and with his family came to California, bought a tract of two hundred acres near Watsonville, established his home on that place, set out a good orchard and engaged in general farming, he and his wife spending the remainder of their lives there, among the substantial and influential residents of the community. He died in 1910 and his widow survived him about three years, her death occurring in 1913. They left three sons, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, Charles Cleveland, who is associated with him in the operations of the old home ranch, where he resides and A. L. Cleveland, who is now making his home in Salinas, Monterey county.

George Cleveland was but a babe one year old when his parents came to California in 1875 and he was reared on the home ranch in the vicinity of Watsonville, which place he still makes his home, and to the operations of which ranch he has for some years devoted his active attention. His initial education was received in the Watsonville schools and this was supplemented by attendance at Stanford University. He early turned his attention to the study of law and in 1895, when twenty-one years of age, passed the examination before the state supreme court and was admitted to the bar. Thus qualified for practice Mr. Cleveland entered the office of Garby, Boalt & Bishop, prominent lawyers at San Francisco, and was there engaged in practice when the Spanish-American war broke out in the spring of 1898. He at once enlisted in the First Regiment, California Volunteer Infantry, and was assigned for Philippine service. For one year and five months Mr. Cleveland was in the Philippines, a part of this time being on duty as a teacher in the schools of the new island possessions and as a deputy internal revenue collector.

Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Cleveland returned to his old home on the Watsonville ranch and in 1904 was elected to represent his district in the lower house of the California general assembly, serving one term. As chairman of the committee of the house which had to do with the development of the states horticultural interests Mr. Cleveland was able to secure some much needed new legislation along that line, his practical experience as a horticulturist giving him an insight into the needs of that department that proved valuable to his confreres on that committee. When this country took a hand in the World war in 1917 Mr. Cleveland attempted to get back into the army but was rejected on account of age limitations. Feeling himself "as young as ever" he declined to accept this disqualification as final and went to Canada, where on May 12, 1918, he enlisted with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces and with the detachment to which he was assigned was straightway ordered abroad for active service in the field. He was assigned to the famous English Tenth Battalion and with that command rendered service in the dread Ypres sector in Belgium during the time of the fiercest conflict there and in the hottest part of that historic engagement had several escapes from death which could be considered hardly less than miraculous. During his service in the Philippines he also had one or two hairbreadth escapes from death and he thus can account himself a pretty thoroughly seasoned soldier. During a part of his service in Belgium he had charge of the dynamite squad of the Tenth Battalion and in that connection had some very vivid experiences.

When the Canadian troops were returned to this side following the conclusion of the war Mr. Cleveland came back, received his discharge at Montreal and returned to the home farm at Watsonville, where he resumed his accustomed vocation along the quiet paths of peaceful horticulture. In the campaign of 1920 he again was elected to represent his district in the lower house of the state legislature, was reelected in 1922 and again in 1924, and is thus now serving his fourth term and third consecutive term in that legislative body. Mr. Cleveland has been a member of the important committees of the house having to do with ways and means, educa-

tion, motor vehicles, public health and quarantine and medical affairs and in these several connections has rendered valuable service to the state. When the nation-wide movement began in connection with the establishment of American Legion posts throughout the country following the return of men who had rendered service in the World war Mr. Cleveland took an active part in the local movement along that line and was one of the most active and influential factors in the organization of the post of the American Legion at Watsonville, in the affairs of which he continues to take a very earnest interest, one of the prime movers in all the activities of that patriotic body. He also is affiliated with the local lodges of the Masons, the Knights of Pythias, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Foresters of America and the Improved Order of Red Men.

EDWARD G. KUSTER.

It has long been recognized that Edward G. Kuster, a retired lawyer and the projector, builder and proprietor of the Theater of the Golden Bough at Carmel-by-the-Sea, has been one of the dominant individual factors in the social and cultural development of that delightful resort which has done so much to add to the attractive values of this favored section of California. When Mr. Kuster entered upon this "adventure" in the field of theatricals there was much speculation regarding the outcome of the plans he had announced to some of his choice friends, and it was thus that on the night the unique and beautiful Theater of the Golden Bough was opened that distinctive little playhouse proved itself quite inadequate to contain all who desired admittance, so that repeated performances of the opening engagement had to be given.

As was pointed out by an experienced reviewer at the time, Mr. Kuster's playhouse combines all of the newer ideas and ideals in theater construction and is the product of years of study, much experiment, the wise expenditure of money and the exercise of good taste and intelligence. Much of interest, too, attached to the personality of the man who put his money and his ideals into this handsome theater built on the sands of Carmel, away from the track of commerce, a plaything with a serious purpose. Mr. Kuster belongs to the Los Angeles family of that name, a family of wealth and influence. He was a lawyer for nineteen years and then gave up a practice that had grown to large proportions, cast his fortunes with those of the people of Carmel and set about developing that quaint spot. He was always fascinated by the theater and, relieved from business cares, proceeded to indulge his fancy by erecting this home of the drama, with the result that in the bringing about of the Theater of the Golden Bough he has created a playhouse as much unlike the usual theaters of the commercial managers or even those dilettante things, the Little Theaters—except for the fact that it is a place where plays are staged and people assemble to see them—as it is possible to imagine. The critical press of California has carried far and wide the special message conveyed by Mr. Kuster's experiment in cultural and dramatic expression, tourists have carried this message even farther and the same is familiar to all hereabout, but no verbal description can convey fully the impression of restful content carried to the consciousness of the thoughtful and discriminating patron of this unique home of the drama, with all its subtle tones of color and effect, the sheer artistry of its architecture and the amazing effectiveness of the cunning stagecraft there employed.

When asked where he got his idea for his unique architectural effects, Mr. Kuster said that he had hunted quite a while and finally discovered in the architecture of the Lombards, those savages who overran Italy in the seventh and eighth centuries, just what he wanted. "They found Christianity in Italy," he said, "and they built churches which they thought were Christian but which were really pagan temples, and that is the model on which I built my theater. I remembered Percey Mackaye's words in 'The Civic Theater.' It should be a 'serene and joyous temple,' and that is what I hope the Theater of the Golden Bough will be."

As set out by one of the newspapers at the time of the opening of this interesting experimental playhouse Mr. Kuster, contrary to common report, got one of his ideas

from visiting the new homes of the drama in Europe. "I haven't been abroad since I was ten years old," he said, "and I am forty-six now. I was always interested in the theater. My family believed it was part of life to love good plays and good music. When I was a boy in high school I used to sit in the gallery every Saturday to see some play.

"I took up law and practiced in Los Angeles from 1900 to 1919, and I was successful in its practice but somehow it did not make life complete for me. I never played around with amateurs but by chance Ruth St. Denis became a client of mine when she was preparing to open Denishawn and in a way that was an outlet for my longing for the theater. When she gave the Ballet of the Nations in the Greek Theater in Berkeley I stage-managed it, using another name, so that my clients had no idea I had other interests. Then I chanced on Gordon Craig's first book and I felt that I had found what I had been reaching out after, but did not know how to formulate.

"When the war came on I began preparations for service, gradually getting out of my practice as a lawyer until I had closed out everything and gone into the coast guard and was waiting to go over seas, which I did not do, however. A spell of influenza came just as I was mustered out and I spent six months in the Hawaiian Islands, getting well and deciding on my future. Should I go back into the law, from which I was released, or should I take up the work that was very dear to my heart? I had some property in Carmel, and my wife and I finally decided to make our home here. The people were congenial, the climate ideal; and we have been very happy here. Two years ago I found myself ready to begin work on my theater. I had been working with Arts and Crafts and with the Forest Theater, but there was need for a better theater. The Arts and Crafts did not care to undertake it and were satisfied with what they had, so I determined to build my own house along new lines. I went to architects, men who had built theaters, and they said my ideas were impossible. I therefore made the plans myself, contracted for everything, and the Theater of the Golden Bough is the result."

FRED C. CARLSEN.

Fred C. Carlsen, a building contractor, of Salinas, whose success has been a source of satisfaction to his many friends, is a native of the island of Fyn, Denmark, born November 5, 1869, but now thoroughly American, if we may judge a man by both his ideals and his accomplishments. He served a four-year apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade and for six months he studied architectural drawing, after which he came to America, making his way to California. Arriving at Eureka, June 5, 1891, he worked for a year for the Excelsior Redwood Lumber Company and for a year he was bridge builder for the Flannigan Lumber Company in the logging camps. The following year he was employed by Ben Dixon in ship construction in the shipyards and later he took up carpenter work for the Dixon Construction Company, in the building of the breakwater for the United States government at the entrance to Eureka harbor. Then he returned to Denmark, where he remained for a year and a half, but, like so many who have once come under the spell of California, he again came to the Golden state in the fall of 1897.

Mr. Carlsen settled at Watsonville, Santa Cruz county, and for four months he worked at the trade of a carpenter. Early in the year 1898, however, he located in Salinas, where he has since resided, helping to build up the city. He was first employed on construction at the Spreckels sugar factory, where he worked in the carpenter shop for six years and four months. Later he was foreman for John Bevan, a contractor of Salinas, and subsequently was foreman for W. E. Green, of Salinas, in whose service he superintended the construction of the Salinas city hall, the Salinas public library, the Watsonville grammar school and the Railroad Exchange Hotel at Soledad.

In 1910, having established an enviable reputation for both exceptional experience and absolute dependability, Mr. Carlsen started in business for himself as a contractor, and as such he has continued ever since. He has built the Forrester Hall,

the Leader Bakery building, the fourth section of the Lacey Garage, the Highway Garage, the Thrift Garage, Mercantile Implement building and Thompson apartment house. He also built the Salinas Undertaking Parlor and the American Laundry building and he has put in new fronts in the Comilas Hotel, the Austin drug store and the Jeffrey Hotel. In addition, he has erected a large number of fine residences.

Mr. Carlsen was married to Miss Kirstine Anderson, a native of Denmark, and to them have been born five children: Axel and Siegrid, twins, the former a farmer of San Juan and the latter the wife of E. L. Martin; Edward and Arthur, who are associated in business with their father; and Clarence, with the Austin Drug Company. Fraternally Mr. Carlsen is a member of Alisal Lodge, No. 163, I. O. O. F.

JAMES EDGAR McDOUGALL.

There were many in Monterey county who felt at the time of the recent passing of James Edgar McDougall, for years one of the prime factors in commercial affairs of this county, that the life of this public-spirited and energetic citizen had been cut untimely short and there were many expressions of regret on the part of those who surveyed his accomplishments and reviewed his useful life that he could not have been spared for even greater things. Born and reared at Salinas, early schooled in commercial forms and under his sturdy father's thoughtful preceptorship prepared for large activities in the commercial field, James E. McDougall had become one of the best known figures in local banking circles and was doing a good work in that particular field of commercial activity when ill health compelled his retirement. He thereafter found an outlet for his energies along other and less confining lines and in various forms of development work had discharged his duty to his community, so that the memory of his fruitful life is honored and will be long kept green.

James E. McDougall was born at Salinas, May 8, 1873, and was the elder of two sons of James H. McDougall, banker, merchant, publicist and community builder, who was for many years recognized as one of the real leaders in the common life of this section of California and concerning whom further and fitting mention is made elsewhere in this work. Reared at Salinas, James E. McDougall completed his schooling in Stanford University and early became connected with the operations of the Salinas City Bank, that sterling old financial institution that was founded in 1873 and of which his father was for years the president. Beginning as a clerk in this bank he was advanced by well earned promotion until he had reached the position of assistant cashier and was preparing for further advancement in the service of the bank when ill health compelled his retirement and for some time thereafter he sought relief in travel. Mr. McDougall also had other interests of a substantial character in and about Salinas, was vice president of the J. H. McDougall Company, a mercantile establishment, and became possessed of valuable property not only in Salinas but in Pacific Grove, in Los Angeles, in Santa Cruz and at other points. He died on January 24, 1923.

On August 12, 1903, Mr. McDougall was united in marriage to Miss M. Raymond, who with their son, Kenneth R. McDougall, survives. The son is now (1925) a student at Stanford University, pursuing his studies there with a view to adopting the law as a profession. Mrs. McDougall was born in the Shingle Springs settlement in Eldorado county and is a representative of one of the pioneer families of the state. Her father came to California in the days of the "rush" in 1849, becoming one of the leaders in hydraulic mining operations in the Mother Lode country. Since the death of her husband Mrs. McDougall has been making her home at Pacific Grove and at Palo Alto and has been giving her attention to the property interests of her late husband. Among these is the well equipped and handsomely appointed McDougall bath house at Pacific Grove, to the management of which, in season, Mrs. McDougall gives her personal attention. It will be recalled by the old timers here that Pacific Grove in the "days of old" was chiefly notable as the scene of the annual Methodist camp meetings held there and to which great crowds foregathered during the continuance of these sessions of religious activity. Pacific Grove is no less a conspicuous place of resort now, but it is as a pleasure resort that it is chiefly known among Cali-

fornians and to the thousands of tourists who annually make a stop there on their tour of the beautiful bay country. Pacific Grove is also famous as the starting point for the attractive Seventeen-mile Drive ending at the historic old Hotel Del Monte, most beloved of all California resorts.

The Pacific Grove bath house, of which Mrs. McDougall is the proprietor, came into the hands of her late husband in the spring of 1922, less than a year before his death, and in the following season she took charge of the establishment and has since developed and improved it in keeping with growing modern requirements and the increasing demand made each season for the excellent facilities it offers to the people who come by thousands to enjoy the wonderful beach. By common consent Mrs. McDougall's great bath house at Pacific Grove is regarded as the most up-to-date and sanitary establishment of its kind on the coast and it is her endeavor constantly to improve its already well nigh perfect facilities. Every accommodation is offered visitors in the way of comfort and entertainment and high praise is accorded the management for the admirable provisions made along this line. This bath house had its beginning back in 1895, when A. McDougall put up there a small bath house, a shed-like affair with a canvas roof, for the accommodation of those who came to the beach for bathing purposes. C. Burks later acquired the property and in 1902 W. F. Smith bought it. Two years later Mr. Smith organized a company and started things going along somewhat more systematic lines, erected a then ample bath house, cleared the beach, built the present concrete pier and advertised Pacific Grove as one of the most attractive bathing beaches on the coast. In 1912 this company disposed of the plant to William H. Foster and five years later, in 1917, it came under the control of the McDougall interests, passing in April, 1922, into the hands of Mr. and Mrs. James E. McDougall and, as noted above, since the death of the former has been under the management of the latter. Mrs. McDougall has done much to beautify the surroundings of the bath house, and her great dahlia gardens in proximity to the beach plant are the objects of the admiring attention of all who pass that way.

JAMES H. McDOUGALL.

In the annals of Monterey county there are few men held in higher esteem than the late James H. McDougall, at one time postmaster of the city of Salinas, for many years one of the leading merchants of the city, tax collector for the county of Monterey and at the time of his death the president of the Salinas City Bank, the oldest financial institution in Monterey county. Mr. McDougall, a Scotchman by birth, came to California in the days of his boyhood and early became familiar with developing conditions. He took an active and interested part in development work and in time came to be one of the real leaders in the general civic and commercial life of the community, his efforts ever being directed in such channels as promised to more effectually promote the common interest. Mr. McDougall lived to be nearly eighty years of age. It therefore is but proper and fitting that in this history of the county, whose interests he did so much to promote, there should be presented some modest tribute to his memory together with a brief review of his life and of his services to the community.

James H. McDougall was born in the city of Glasgow, Scotland, in the year 1836. When he was six years of age his parents, in 1842, came to America with their family and settled in Lake county, Illinois, not far north of the present great city of Chicago, which at that time was just beginning to attain some degree of commercial importance. There the family remained until in 1854, when they came to California, arriving in Monterey county, June 9, after a wearisome journey across the plains and the mountains. James H. McDougall then was eighteen years of age, a stout, sturdy lad, keen for the adventures offered amid the strange new conditions here and ready to take his part in the labors that confronted the pioneers. He aided his father in getting the home place established and remained under the parental roof until after he had attained his majority, when he "struck out for himself." Working during the winters in logging camps and sawmills and during the summers at ranch work he was thus engaged until in the late '60s when, with the money he had been able to save, he began to invest in cattle and start on the larger operations which in time brought him much

success. He established himself in business as a cattle buyer in Salinas, where he also was engaged in the grocery trade, this latter line occupying much of his attention for twenty years or more. One of the leaders of the republican party in his home county, he for two terms served the county as tax collector and in other ways did his part in promoting civic affairs. When the local water and light plant was erected he was elected secretary of the company having it in charge and in that capacity did much to get this public service corporation going right. In 1900 Mr. McDougall was elected president of the Salinas City Bank, which was organized in 1873, and he was retained in that position. As befitted his labors and his talents, Mr. McDougall became quite well-to-do and at his death left a considerable estate, he long having been rated as among the most substantial citizens of this section of the state. The McDougall block in Salinas is a fitting monument to the substantial character of his efforts to build up the city. In 1872 James H. McDougall was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Bardin, who was born in Mississippi and who had come to this state with her parents when a girl, and to this union were born two sons, the late James Edgar McDougall, concerning whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work, and Charles E. McDougall.

PAUL G. MILADIN.

Paul G. Miladin, one of the well known and successful fruit growers, packers and shippers of this section of California, with headquarters at Watsonville, where he is well established in business, is of European birth but has been a resident of this country and of California since the days of his boyhood and is thus thoroughly familiar with conditions here, one of the most capably experienced men in his line. Mr. Miladin was born in the then crown land of Dalmatia, a titular kingdom in the Cisleithan division of the then dual kingdom and empire of Austria-Hungary, August 29, 1878, and is a son of Peter and Catherine Miladin, both of whom now are deceased. Peter Miladin was a farmer and all his life was spent in his native land.

Reared on the home farm in Dalmatia, Paul G. Miladin received his education in the village schools of the neighborhood and remained at home until he was sixteen years of age, when, in 1894, he came to America and presently made his way to California, locating in this section of the coast country. He began working here at such labor as his hands found to do, giving particular preference to the fruit growing industry, and for some time after his arrival attended night school at Watsonville with a view of learning more rapidly of the language of his adopted country, for he early decided that California was to be his permanent home.

By industry and frugality Mr. Miladin made progress in his affairs and in 1906 found himself in a position to engage in business as a grower and packer on his own account, becoming the proprietor of a profitable orchard in the immediate vicinity of Watsonville. In 1904 he formed a partnership with Anton Balich in an extension of these interests and the firm thus organized has ever since been engaged in business as growers, packers and shippers and has done very well, one of the most successful firms of the kind in the locality. Mr. Miladin is a member of the Watsonville Chamber of Commerce and takes a good citizen's interest in the general affairs of the community, helpful in promoting all movements having to do with the best development of those interests. He was reared in the faith of the Roman Catholic church, is devoted to the service of the church, and is a member of the Watsonville council of the Knights of Columbus, in the affairs of which organization he has long taken an earnest interest.

HENRY A. GIL.

Henry A. Gil, postmaster and general merchant at Jolon, California, was born in that place, July 17, 1874, and is one of fourteen children born to Jose Maria and Maria (Vallejo) Gil, twelve of whom grew to maturity and are still living. The father was born in Madrid, Spain, but his father was a Scotchman, who married a Spanish lady. Jose Maria Gil went to Mexico while still a young man and in 1849 came to

California during the gold excitement. After a short time he located at Jolon, where he bought two hundred acres of land and became a prosperous sheep and cattle raiser. He died in 1891.

Henry A. Gil received a common school education and was reared on his father's farm. He learned there how to handle cattle and for a number of years he was employed as a cowboy on different California ranches. In 1901 he came to Jolon and engaged in his present business as merchant and has built up a profitable trade among the surrounding farmers and ranchmen. In 1916 he was appointed postmaster by President Wilson and has held the office continuously since. About the time he opened his store at Jolon he was united in marriage with Miss Edith M. Parsons, daughter of Jacob Parsons, a ranchman of Salinas.

J. W. STORM.

Among the Scandinavian immigrants who came to America during the '50s and '60s of the last century was James Storm, a native of Denmark. He was a young man when he landed in California and for a few years worked in San Francisco. But he had been brought up on a farm and preferred the independent life of the husbandman. Consequently, in 1867 he came into the Salinas valley, where he acquired land and continued as a ranchman until his death in 1910. His widow died in 1918. J. W. Storm is the fourth in order of birth, of eight children born to them, the others being as follows: Henry, Conrad, James, Peter, Annie, Jessie and Abbie. Annie is now Mrs. Arthur Gowan; Jessie is the widow of John Hughes, and Abbie is Mrs. Jesse Soker.

J. W. Storm received a common school education and grew to manhood on his father's farm. Upon reaching his majority he bought one hundred and forty acres of wild land near Salinas and began the work of developing a farm of his own. He has erected good buildings, brought the land under cultivation and by his industry and perseverance has become one of the substantial ranchmen of the valley. He belongs to the Elks lodge of Salinas, which is the only fraternal society to claim him as a member.

In 1889 Mr. Storm and Miss Nellie Hughes were married and to them have been born five children: Ralph, now a dentist in San Francisco; Elinor, at home; Margaret, now Mrs. M. M. Austin; Jeannette, a student in the Salinas high school, and Thomas, who is attending the grade school there.

THEODORE COSSEBOOM.

To be a tiller of the soil in the Salinas valley is to be assured of a good living, at least, and probably no one realizes this truth better than Theodore Cosseboom, who has followed that occupation from his earliest manhood. His father, Henry Cosseboom, came from Nova Scotia as a young man and married Miss Mary Bardin, a member of one of California's illustrious families. Theodore is the oldest of four children; John is in Los Angeles; Belle is the wife of Samuel Clark, of San Francisco, and Blanche is the wife of J. F. Hiserman, of Salinas. In the early '70s Henry Cosseboom purchased two hundred and fifty acres of land near Blanco and there passed the remainder of his life as one of the progressive, prosperous and worthy citizens. His widow now lives in Salinas.

After acquiring a high school education, Theodore Cosseboom turned his attention to farming, in which he has been measurably successful. He owns a dairy farm of fifty acres at Riverside, California, where from fifteen to twenty cows are milked, and also some vegetables are raised. The ranch upon which he lives, near Blanco, consists of one hundred and sixty acres, most of which is used for raising sugar beets and beans. He was born in 1882 and in 1925, at the age of forty-three years, he has by his energy and good management become well-to-do.

In 1909 Mr. Cosseboom and Miss Alice Raine, of Salinas, were united in marriage. Four children have been born to them, namely: Jean, Roy, Ralph and Elmer. While

Mr. Cosseboom takes a commendable interest in all questions pertaining to public affairs, he has not been an aspirant for public office. The only fraternal society to claim him as a member is the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

ALVIN EADE.

Alvin Eade, who owns one of the largest ranches in the vicinity of King City, California, was born in Davis county, Illinois, in 1876 and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Eade. His father first came to California in 1850, being attracted to the Pacific coast by the discovery of gold the year before. He followed mining for a time and then returned to Illinois. In 1862 he made another trip to California, where he remained but a short time, and in 1864 he came to the western coast for a third time. There was an attraction about the hills and vales of the Sunset state that he could not resist, and in 1883 he brought his family to California. He located in the Peachtree valley, where he turned his attention to grain farming and cattle raising. While some "struck it rich" and made a fortune in the gold mines, he moved by the slower but more certain route. He knew that people must eat and that wheat and beef were always certain of a market. In the course of a few years he became one of the largest operators in the valley. His wife died in 1919, and his own death occurred in 1921, when he joined the silent majority at the ripe old age of ninety years after a life of useful endeavor with successful results.

Alvin Eade received a good practical education in his youth. At an early age he became interested in live stock and all his life has been spent on ranches. For several years after launching out for himself he leased land. Then he bought what was known as the Willoughby ranch of three thousand five hundred acres and rents two thousand five hundred acres more. He is one of the largest stock raisers in the valley, having several hundred head of cattle and hogs practically all the time. His three brothers —Joseph, William and Wesley—are all farmers and cattle men in the Salinas valley. They all learned the business thoroughly from their father and may consistently be called "chips off the old block."

Mr. Eade was married in 1907 to Miss Ethel Russell, of San Jose, California. They have no children. He is a member in good standing in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is generally recognized as one of the progressive citizens of the community.

HENRY F. MELVILLE.

Away back in 1849, the year gold was discovered in California, a boy was born in the Hocking Valley, Ohio, who was destined to play an important part in the development of the Salinas valley. That boy was Henry F. Melville, whose parents came to the Hocking Valley from England. The father was a miner and when Henry grew old enough to engage in that occupation, he was employed for several years in the coal mines of Ohio and West Virginia. While still in his teens he was overcome by a desire to travel. The result was he mined and prospected in most of the countries of the globe—Europe, Egypt, India, China, Japan, Central and South America, and all of the western states.

In the early '70s Mr. Melville came to Monterey county, California, and located mining claims. Not long after his arrival in this section he opened a hotel in Soledad, which he conducted for some years. For fourteen years he was chief of the Soledad fire department, which service exempts him from road and poll taxes and from jury duty. While chief of the department he managed a firemen's ball, with the proceeds of which a liberty pole was erected at Soledad in 1876—the first in the Salinas valley. The next year Mr. Melville located the Gold Ridge mines, from which a considerable quantity of gold has been taken out of the free milling quartz deposits.

The Copper Mountain Mining Company was incorporated on January 23, 1914, with Mr. Melville as president and general manager, which position he still holds. In 1918 he secured for the company one hundred and sixty acres including what are

known as Vancouver's Pinnacles, noted for their romantic scenery. These Pinnacles in early days constituted the stronghold of the bandit Vasques and his gang. The one hundred and sixty-acre tract is surrounded by the Pinnacles National Monument, which was dedicated by Theodore Roosevelt when he was president of the United States. Fancy prices have been offered for the tract, but the company so far has refused to sell. A more complete history of the Pinnacles will be found elsewhere in this work.

Soon after coming to California Mr. Melville was united in wedlock with Miss Mary Belle Pugh, daughter of James P. Pugh, one of Monterey county's pioneers and the man who planted the first orchard and vineyard south of Salinas. To this marriage were born thirteen children, ten of whom grew to maturity, namely: Henry F., Jr., Samuel L., Clarence E., Kenneth P., Edwin J., Glen M., Eva, Hazel, Winifred and James. All the sons live in Monterey. William, who died in 1922, was a veteran of the Boxer revolution in China. Clarence and Kenneth volunteered in the navy and served during the World war though at the time of their enlistment both were under the draft age as required by the selective service act. Eva is now Mrs. Howell, of San Benito county; Hazel is now Mrs. Tarr, of Carmel-by-the-Sea; Winifred is now Mrs. Bonifacio, whose husband is a nephew of Senorita Rosa Bonifacio who took the rose from the then Lieutenant Sherman and planted it. It is now known as the Sherman rose and the senorita has waited for fifty years for her lover to return.

JACOB WOOL.

Old citizens of Parkfield and vicinity can no doubt recall the activities of Jacob Wool, who for some thirty years was an influential resident of the community and died there on June 1, 1902, in the seventy-sixth year of his age. Mr. Wool was born in Germany, August 8, 1826, and came to America as a young man. After a residence of a few years in the east he removed to California in the early '70s and for a time was engaged in mining. He then came to the Parkfield valley, where he homesteaded a farm and later preempted another tract. His progressive ideas soon found lodgment with his neighbors and he became a leader in the community. This was especially true in matters pertaining to the establishment of schools and the advancement of education. As a democrat he took an active part in political affairs, though he was never an aspirant for public office.

In 1873 Mr. Wool and Miss Sarah Louisa Lyall were united in marriage. She was born at Carson City, Nevada, September 9, 1853, while her parents were on the way to California. Her father was a native of North Carolina and her mother of Missouri. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wool, namely: Carrie, Essie, Jacob, Albert, Alvin, Ernest, Millie and Roy. Carrie is now Mrs. Charles Stockdale; Essie is Mrs. Arthur Rambo, and Millie is Mrs. Ross Gavette. Mrs. Wool is still living and though she has passed her allotted three score years and ten, is still active, both physically and mentally. She has eighteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. After the death of Mr. Wool the family purchased more land and now have one thousand six hundred acres, of which about two hundred acres are under cultivation.

WILLIAM A. TRAFTON.

William A. Trafton, veteran miller at Watsonville, formerly and for years mayor of that city and in other ways an active and influential factor in the general civic and industrial life of the city and of the community at large, is a native son of Watsonville and has lived there all his life, thus having been a witness of and a participant in the development of that community during the whole of what properly may be regarded as the "modern" period. As a member of the old board of trustees before the village had attained its present civic status, he was thoroughly familiar with the needs of the growing municipality and when the city charter was adopted nearly a quarter of a century ago his acquaintance with the requirements of the situation made him the

natural and logical choice of the people for mayor and he thus was elected first chief executive of the city, a position in which he was retained by subsequent elections for many years, thus becoming one of the best known municipal administrators in this section of California.

Mr. Trafton was born at Watsonville, January 24, 1864, and is a son of George A. and Melissa (Matthis) Trafton, pioneers of California. The mother was a native of Illinois, a daughter of J. V. Matthis, and came to this state in 1852 with her parents, the family settling at Sacramento, where in 1858 she married George A. Trafton and the same year became a resident of Watsonville, where she still is living, one of the honored pioneer mothers of California.

George A. Trafton, who also is still living at Watsonville, of which place he has been a resident for nearly seventy years, was born in the dominion of Canada in 1834 and is thus now in his ninety-first year, the oldest resident of the beautiful valley of the Pajaro. His parents were natives of Maine, members of old American colonial families, who had established their home in Canada. Later they removed to Missouri, and in 1852 started for California with a view to making a new home here in the then rapidly developing coast section. The father, David Trafton, died on the way, a victim of the dread scourge of cholera that was sweeping the country in that year, and his widow and the children located at Sacramento. George A. Trafton was eighteen years of age when he came to California and he did well his part in getting the family established in their new home. He took his part also in pioneer development work in and about Sacramento, and became widely known as one of the active young men of that section during that period. In 1856 he made a prospecting trip to the Watsonville settlement and liked the situation of things there so well that following his marriage in 1858 he established his home at Watsonville and started in to develop a farm. Not long afterward he and his brother, J. E. Trafton, became engaged in the mercantile business at Watsonville, opening a hardware store there and carrying on business under the firm name of Trafton Brothers. In 1889 George A. Trafton erected a feed mill on Maple avenue and engaged in the milling business. This mill presently was destroyed by fire and was at once replaced by the present mill which now is operated by the founder's son, William A. Trafton, and the father carried on his business there until his retirement. Diligent in his own business, he ever found time to give a good citizen's attention to the general local needs of the community, was long a member of the old board of village trustees and for some time was president of that body. He is a Royal Arch and Knight Templar Mason, was for many years interested in Masonic affairs, and is one of the oldest Masons in California. Of the children born to him and his wife four are still living, the subject of this biographical review having a brother, Howard Trafton, sheriff of Santa Cruz county, and two sisters, Mrs. Alice Evans of Watsonville and Mrs. Ida Trimble of Oakland.

Reared at Watsonville, William A. Trafton attended the excellent schools of that village and early became associated with his father in the operations of the mill on Maple street, an industry with which he ever since has been connected, one of the veteran millers of this region, and upon his father's retirement succeeded to the control and management of the business, in which line he still is quite successfully carrying on. Following in his father's footsteps in his interest in local civic affairs, William A. Trafton may properly be regarded as one of the real community builders here. During the old village board days he served for some time as a member of that board, one of the town trustees, and was for three terms president of the board. In the election following the adoption of the city charter in 1902 he was elected mayor of the city and thus was chief executive when the new city government was set up. By reelection Mr. Trafton has served as mayor of the city of Watsonville for more than twenty years, his last term in that administrative office having expired in May, 1924, and it thus very properly may be said that no one in the city has had a more influential hand in shaping the destinies of the municipality than has he. He also is locally regarded as the "father" of the free public library, for it was largely through his strenuous efforts in that behalf that the initial fund was created for the establishment of this institution. For many years Mr. Trafton has been recognized as one of the leaders of the democratic party in this section of the state and he is now a member of the state central committee of that party. In addition to his milling and other interests he has also done much in the way of local development and extension work and as one of the

organizers and the president of the Watsonville Realty Company opened up and put on the market that fine residential section known as Watsonville Heights, in which there are now more than two hundred homes. When the Watsonville creamery was established he was a member of its board of directors and was elected secretary of the same, a position he occupied until the company sold out to other interests.

In 1892, at Watsonville, William A. Trafton was united in marriage to Miss Annie Cox, a daughter of Peter Cox, one of the pioneers of the Pajaro valley, and he and his wife have a very pleasant home at Watsonville. Mr. Trafton is a past president of Watsonville Parlor, No. 65, Native Sons of the Golden West, and has for years taken an earnest interest in the activities of that patriotic organization in California. He is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, past eminent commander of Watsonville Commandery, No. 22, and is a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with AAhmes Temple at Oakland. He also is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Woodmen of the World.

CHARLES H. COFFEY, JR.

Charles H. Coffey, Jr., editor and publisher of the Gonzales Tribune and postmaster at Gonzales is one of the best known young men in Monterey county. He is a native son of California and has been a resident of this state all his life with the exception of a period of about three years during which he was engaged in newspaper work in Oregon. Mr. Coffey was born in the city of Oakland, October 18, 1891, and is a son of Charles H. and Sarah Elizabeth (Harris) Coffey. The mother is also a native of this state, born at San Jose and the daughter of one of the pioneers of that place.

Charles H. Coffey, Sr., former editor of the Gonzales Tribune and former postmaster of Gonzales, who is now living retired in the city of San Jose, is a native of the state of Illinois, but has been a resident of California since the days of his boyhood, when the family located at San Jose, where he grew to manhood and where he was married. He early took an interest in newspaper work, becoming a practical man in that exacting calling, and in 1896, after some years devoted to that occupation at Oakland, bought the Tribune at Gonzales and moved with his family to the latter place, where he resided until his retirement and removal to San Jose, where he is now living, honored and respected by the whole countryside. For more than twenty years Mr. Coffey continued the publication of the Tribune at Gonzales and for four years (1914-1919) served as postmaster of that village. He and his wife have three children, the immediate subject of this biographical narrative having a brother, Irwin Coffey, who is associated with him in the publication of the Tribune, and a sister, Iva, who married Charles Cooper and is now living at Yuma, Arizona.

Charles H. Coffey, Jr., was but five years of age when in 1896 his father bought the Gonzales Tribune and he literally "grew up" in the print shop, thus becoming thoroughly familiar with all the details of publication as related to establishments of that class and also became a thoroughly competent printer, for during school vacations he worked at the case in his father's newspaper office. He attended the high school at Salinas, from which he was graduated with the class of 1911, and after leaving school he started out as a journeyman printer and presently found himself engaged as foreman of the composing room of the Evening Herald at Klamath, Oregon. For three years Mr. Coffey remained at Klamath and then, in 1914, when his father was made postmaster at Gonzales, he returned to the old home town to give his attention to the publication of the Tribune and in 1916 his father admitted him to partnership in that old established publication. Since his father's retirement in 1919 he has been managing the paper's affairs, which have in all ways been prospering. He also became acting postmaster at Gonzales upon his father's retirement in 1919 and upon the expiration of the commission under which he thus was acting, in May, 1924, he was commissioned postmaster for a term of four years and is now postmaster as well as editor and publisher of the Tribune.

In 1922, at Gonzales, Charles H. Coffey, Jr., was united in marriage to Mrs. Alvira Hermo of that place, and she has since been serving as assistant in the conduct of the postoffice. Mr. and Mrs. Coffey have a pleasant home and take an interested and help-

ful part in the general social and cultural activities of the delightful village in which they live. Mr. Coffey was one of the organizers of the local Chamber of Commerce and has ever been a consistent and energetic town "booster," both with voice and pen advocating any movement which had as its motive the advancement of the best interests of the town. He is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is also affiliated with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, a member of the lodge of this latter order, No. 614, at Salinas.

MANUEL FONTES.

Among the substantial landowning farmers and capitalists of Monterey county there are few who have a wider acquaintance throughout this section of the state than has Manuel Fontes of Salinas, who for fifty years has been recognized as one of the leading citizens of the community. For a half century and more he has been a witness of and a participant in the development of that section.

Manuel Fontes was born in the Azores but has been a citizen of the United States and of California since the days of his young manhood. He grew up on his native island in the eastern Atlantic, becoming familiar with island farming methods and particularly the raising of sheep, but when little more than a lad took to the sea and was for several years engaged as a sailor on vessels trading off the west coast of Africa and the east coast of South America. When nineteen years of age, about the time of the close of the Civil war, Mr. Fontes took service with a whaler sailing out of New Bedford, Massachusets, and later went out with a ship sailing around the Horn for San Francisco. Upon his arrival in California he left the sea and became a sheep herder on the great ranch of Jesse D. Carr near Salinas in Monterey county. It was not long until he began putting his savings into sheep and undertaking operations on his own account. These initial ventures prospered and about 1872 he began buying land. After his marriage in 1878 he established his home on his place adjacent to the city of Salinas and gradually extended his land holdings until he became the owner of a fine place of six hundred acres, much of which has been devoted to grazing purposes but a third is fine rich irrigable land worth about eight hundred dollars an acre. He also owns a forty cow dairy, which he leases, and has other substantial interests in and about Salinas, including an important block of stock in the Salinas City Bank, of which institution he is one of the directors.

Mr. Fontes has been twice married. As noted above, his first marriage took place here in 1878, his wife, Mary Bordges, also having been an Azorian. To that union were born two sons, Manuel and Michael. Following the death of the mother of these children Mr. Fontes married Constantine Bordges, his deceased wife's sister, and to this union three children were born, two sons, George and Frank Fontes, and a daughter, Mary, now the wife of M. R. Bailey of San Francisco. About 1910 Mr. Fontes erected a handsome dwelling house at the corner of Alisal and Capitol streets at Salinas and there he and Mrs. Fontes have since made their home, very pleasantly and very comfortably situated. Mr. Fontes's three elder sons, Manuel, Michael and George, are associated with their father in the operation of his ranch interests and the younger son, Frank, is engaged in the practice of law at San Francisco.

MAJOR ROLIN G. WATKINS.

Major Rolin G. Watkins, formerly identified with journalistic interests in an editorial capacity, is a representative and influential young citizen of Monterey who has been chosen secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. His birth occurred at Van Wert, Decatur county, Iowa, on the 4th of December, 1884, his parents being Joseph L. and Luella E. (Pierce) Watkins, who established their residence in Oklahoma when their son Rolin was nine years of age. The father, a successful stockman, is a prominent figure in the public life of that state, but the mother is deceased. The Watkins

family was originally established in Ohio, while the earliest representatives of the Pierce family in this country resided in Kentucky.

Rolin G. Watkins, the eldest in a family of nine children, obtained his preliminary educational training in the public schools of Iowa and of Oklahoma and subsequently spent one year as a student in the Northwestern State Teachers College at Alva, Oklahoma, while later he attended the Fort Worth Military Academy at Fort Worth, Texas, for three years. As a boy he had spent much time in printing shops and had familiarized himself with the art of printing. After leaving the military academy he was identified with the theatrical business for a number of years, but abandoned this in 1908 to again turn his attention to the printing business. He edited newspapers in Kansas and in Oklahoma during the succeeding five years, on the expiration of which period, in 1913, he made his way to California, engaging in newspaper work at Visalia, Tulare county, this state, for three years.

It was in 1916 that Rolin G. Watkins entered the military service of the United States, joining the infantry, and at the end of one month was made regimental sergeant major. He became first lieutenant of infantry on the 26th of March, 1917, and was then assigned to the duties of assistant chief of staff in charge of military intelligence, with headquarters at the Western Department of the United States Army in San Francisco. In May, 1919, Major Watkins was discharged as physically disqualified for military service. The western department of which he had charge consisted of eight western states and the territory of Alaska, while his organization comprised two hundred and fifty officers and twelve hundred and fifty enlisted men in civilian clothing.

After being discharged from the army, Major Watkins once more engaged in journalism as editor of a paper at Dinuba, Tulare county, this state. In 1921 he came to Monterey county, locating first at Salinas, and in the following year took up his abode in the city of Monterey, where he assumed the editorship of the Peninsular Herald. On the 1st of February, 1924, he was induced to accept the position of secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Monterey.

On the 24th of November, 1921, Major Watkins was united in marriage to Miss Hilda E. Krause, a native of San Jose, California, and a daughter of Otto and Eleanor (Volheim) Krause. The Major is a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars and is connected with the Military Reserve as assistant chief of staff, A. C. S. G. 2, of the Ninety-first Reserve Division.

ELBA E. HITCHCOCK.

Elba E. Hitchcock, one of the well known and substantial ranchers and landowners of the Salinas neighborhood in Monterey county, has developed a good business on his place there and is carrying on his operations in approved modern fashion. Mr. Hitchcock was born in Monterey county, August 9, 1867, and is a son of Benjamin and Agnes (Abbott) Hitchcock, pioneers of California, whose last days were spent at Salinas.

Benjamin Hitchcock came to California in the year 1855 and was for some time thereafter engaged in mining in the vicinity of Nevada City. He later became engaged in dairying in Sonoma and Marin counties and in 1865 came to Salinas. In the immediate vicinity of that city he bought a tract of two hundred acres in 1872 and thereon established his home, he and his wife there spending the remainder of their lives, well known and influential pioneers of that community. Benjamin Hitchcock died April 8, 1909, and his widow survived him for almost eight years, her death occurring April 6, 1917. Of the children born to this pioneer couple two survive, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Donna, wife of George Dougherty of Berkeley.

E. E. Hitchcock was five years of age when his parents established their home on the ranch in the immediate vicinity of Salinas and there he was reared, finishing his education in the Salinas high school. From the days of his boyhood he was an able assistant to his father in the labors of the home farm and in due time took over the management of that place. He has ever since been actively engaged in farming there, giving particular attention to the cultivation of vegetables, making a specialty of beans

and sugar beets and is doing well in his operations. Mr. Hitchcock is the owner of a well improved ranch of one hundred acres and he and his family are very comfortably and very pleasantly situated there. Mr. Hitchcock's interests are not wholly confined to farming for he is a member of the directorate of the Monterey County Bank. He has ever taken an earnest interest in local civic affairs and for eight or nine years, from 1915 to 1924, served as a member of the Salinas Union high school board, being in office during the time the handsome new Salinas high school was erected, the finest school building in Monterey county. His father was a Royal Arch Mason and he also is affiliated with that ancient order, a member of the blue lodge at Salinas. He also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at that place.

In November, 1901, at Salinas E. E. Hitchcock was united in marriage to Miss Gladys Hitchcock, daughter of Horace H. Hitchcock, and to this union three sons have been born, namely, Darold M., born on May 7, 1904; Elba Leroy, October 20, 1906, and Elmer G., August 11, 1908. Darold Hitchcock is now a student in the College of Physicians and Surgeons at San Francisco; Leroy is attending the University of California, specializing there in optometry, and Elmer Hitchcock is a student in the Salinas high school.

THOMAS H. FRENCH.

Thomas H. French, a well known glass jobber and manufacturer of Pacific Grove, California, was born in Dawlish, Devonshire, England, March 14, 1878, and at the age of five years crossed the Atlantic with his parents and settled in Toronto, Canada, where he attended grade and high schools. When of age he engaged in the selling of plate and window glass, later entering the workshop for a practical study of decorative glass processes. He is the possessor of valuable United States patents covering the use of plate glass in tin containers and the decoration of glass-top cans for display purposes. Mr. French was attracted to California and the Monterey Peninsula by its wonderful climate and in the fall of 1917 started his present business in Pacific Grove. His large plant is well equipped with modern machinery for the grinding and beveling of plate glass, the manufacture of mirrors, leaded art glass and automobile glass of every kind. His stock of plate glass for storefront work and of window glass for all kinds of glazing, is complete.

Mr. French married Miss Florence Mackay, a native of Ontario, Canada, and they are the parents of two boys, John Henry and Charles Edward. They are Presbyterians, attending the Mayflower Congregational church in Pacific Grove.

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